WiSE has seen growth in the enrollment and graduation of female STEM students from Iowa State since the program began in 1986. The charts show the history of the enrollment and percentage of women in STEM over WiSE’s lifetime. Additional charts with college specific data and information about degrees awarded in STEM are available at www.wise.iastate.edu/data.html.
As we reflect upon the 2017-18 academic year, we are ever grateful for the partners and supporters of our program. Our progress toward our mission of enhancing STEM experiences for women by advocating for diversity and inclusion through opportunities, resources, and support is only possible through these valued collaborations. In the 2017-18 academic year, we partnered with the Department of Physics to host the regional American Physical Society (APS) Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics, and co-hosted the Inaugural WE Lead (Women’s Empowerment and Leadership Conference) with the Women’s Center, Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women in Politics, and the Student Activities Center. In addition, two new grants will provide valuable funding for Leadership Development and AAUW Salary Negotiation Workshops for students. A final highlight for the year was receiving a national award from The Women in Engineering ProActive Network (WEPAN), stating that our program serves as a model for other institutions. We look forward to continuing engaging others in our mission and encourage you to reach out if you are interested in connecting or to share your comments and feedback.

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