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John Wiencek Is Elected Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers

TAMPA, Fla (July 12, 2013) – John Wiencek, dean of the College of Engineering and professor of chemical engineering was recently elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). Fellow is the highest grade of membership and is designated by peers for distinctive professional accomplishments and contributions.

John received a B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Cincinnati and received both his master's and doctorate from Case Western Reserve University. Prior to joining the college as dean in July 2007, he was an associate professor at Rutgers University and later professor and chair of the Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Department at the University of Iowa.

His research interests focus on protein biophysics and novel membrane-based water purification. John has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles, and directly advised / graduated 11 Ph.D. students and nine master's students. He has attracted over \$7.5 million in research support from external competitive funding agencies, including the NSF, NIH, NASA and DOE.

Wiencek recently announced his resignation to accept the position of senior vice provost for administration and strategic initiatives at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

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