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Paul M. Winistorfer was appointed dean of the **College of Natural Resources** at Virginia Tech on August 1, 2009. He is the third dean of the college in its 17-year history. As dean, Winistorfer is working with college and faculty leadership to position the college for the future. Starting with an effort to rename the college as the College of Natural Resources and Environment, effective June 2010, he is supporting the creation of an Executive Master of Natural Resources program in the National Capital Region and a new college-wide undergraduate major called “sustainable natural resources and environments,” and is expanding the college mission to include educational and research programming in the broader context of natural resources and the environment. The college is promoting a “sustainability initiative” in the New River Valley, working jointly with agencies, associations, private landowners, and local governments.

Winistorfer came to the College of Natural Resources in 2001 from the Forest Products Center at the University of Tennessee to head up the Department of Wood Science and Forest Products. He moved the department forward through the creation of **Wood Week** at Virginia Tech and by co-leading a biomaterials faculty recruitment initiative with other departments and colleges on campus. He focused new hires in strategic areas, as well as guided curriculum reform.

He provided vision and leadership on the statewide educational project to link the department to community colleges and higher education centers in the state for the benefit of workforce and economic development, and to create an educational pathway from high schools, through community colleges, and on to Virginia Tech.

Winistorfer founded and serves on the board of directors for Quintek Measurement Systems, a manufacturer of X-ray based equipment for the wood industry. He is past president of the board of directors of WoodLINKS USA, an industry-education partnership to support manufacturing curricula in public schools, technical trade centers, communities, and universities. Winistorfer is the recipient of the 2008 Larry Hilchie Award for Outstanding Service and Commitment to WoodLINKS USA. He served as president of the Forest Products Society in 2003. He serves on the board of directors for the Consortium for Research on Renewable Industrial Materials, the Virginia Forestry Association, and is currently chairman of the board of directors of the Powell River Project—the longest standing land reclamation demonstration project in the United States. He received the Virginia Forestry Association President’s Award in April 2010 for leadership of Virginia’s forestry interests.

He was elected a Fellow in the International Academy of Wood Science in 2004 and holds a U.S. patent for an optical device to measure thickness swell of wood-based composites.

Winistorfer earned a Ph.D. in forestry (wood science) from Iowa State University in 1985 and a B.S. from the Iowa State University Honors Program with emphasis in education and forest products. He is a native of Marion, Iowa, and a graduate of Marion High School.

He and his wife, Jeanette, live in Blacksburg, Va., with their twin sons, Jonah and Soren.

## COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences • Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation • Geography • Wood Science and Forest Products •
  - College of Natural Resources National Capital Region • Natural Resources Distance Learning Consortium •
- Center for Environmental Applications of Remote Sensing • Center for Forest Products Marketing and Management •
  - Center for Unit Load Design • Conservation Management Institute • Forest Modeling Research Cooperative •
  - Forest Nutrition Cooperative • Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Center • Horseshoe Crab Research Center •
- Industrial Forestry Operations Research Cooperative • National Marine Fisheries Service Recruiting, Training, and Research Unit •
  - National Science Foundation Center for Advanced Forestry Systems • Sloan Foundation Forest Industries Center •
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  - USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station: Center for Aquatic Technology Transfer, Center for Forest Watershed Research, Utilization of Southern Forest Resources Research Work Unit • USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center •
- USGS Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit • Virginia Water Resources Research Center • Wood-Based Composites Center •