26 Decatur County residents are enrolled at ISU including:
- 9 students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- 4 students in the College of Human Sciences
- 4 students in the College of Engineering
- 4 students in the Graduate College
- 3 students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 2 students in the College of Business
- 5 Decatur County students were on ISU’s 2016 Spring Honor Roll

138 ISU Alumni reside in Decatur County including:
- 20 in Agriculture
- 9 Pre K/K-12 Educators
- 5 Veterinarians
- 3 Engineers
- 1 in Banking/Finance

893 Decatur County residents directly benefited from ISU Extension and Outreach education. We’re focused on feeding people, keeping them healthy, helping communities prosper and thrive, and turning the world over to the next generation better than we found it. That’s how we’re building a strong Iowa.

Iowa State University’s science-focused business assistance program is a key problem solver for Decatur County businesses. The Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) provided engineering services to 10 businesses in the last year including:

- A-Z Manufacturing and Sales Co.; Boyd Construction; Gilbert Home Comfort; Great Western Bank; Heffron Chiropractic Clinic; Invinci Graphics; Kotz-Buser Retirement Services Inc.; ProCom; True Value Hardware.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) serving Decatur County assisted 11 clients last year, helping to create or retain 9 jobs.