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**“Beyond the Blue”**

**Laurie Hueneker Martens – 1997 Graduate of Bellevue High School**

**Key Information:**

- **Laurie grew up and worked on a farm in the Bellevue area, which propelled her to earn a B.S. in Animal Science and International Agriculture from Iowa State University, along with a Master’s in International Agriculture Trade and Development from Oklahoma State University.**
- **Laurie has dedicated her professional career to ensuring that food and agriculture policy is based on science-based standards which focus on food safety, food affordability, animal health, and public health. This has benefited farmers from Jackson County, Iowa to Bangkok.**
- **Laurie is currently the Executive Director of Global Public Policy and Government Affairs for Merck Animal Health, one of the world’s leading animal health companies.**
- **Laurie has worked extensively on multiple free-trade agreements (FTA) to advance U.S. food and agricultural policy to ensure improved market access for U.S. pork and pork products: Trans-Pacific Partnership FTA, US-Colombia FTA, US-Korea FTA, Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership US-Europe FTA.**
- **Laurie received the Overall Achievement Award from Iowa State University, College of Agriculture and Life Science, along with the Superior Achievement Award for Early to Mid-Career Alumni.**
- **Laurie has participated and provided leadership in various organizations, including Catt Center for Women in Politics, Sigma Alpha professional sorority for women in agriculture, Women in International Trade, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Ag Trade & Investment Committee, and the Jackson County Farm Bureau.**

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