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Join Us in Norwalk!

Our new fiscal year got off to a great start in Kalona, IA, with a tour of Farmer's Creamery, maker of Kalona Organics. Our hosts gave us a tour of their facility and shared with us the history of the company. The tour was followed by a networking session, dinner and a business meeting at Kalona Brewing Company. We had a great turnout for our kickoff event this year.

September didn't end there as we continued the fun by joining the Aksarben IFT Section at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Here our members toured the new UNL food processing center and had the chance to network with fellow IFT members from the Aksarben section.

Our next meeting will be held in Norwalk on November 17th. The November meeting will include a tour of Loffredo Fresh Produce. Then Dr. Angela Shaw will give us an overview on FSMA. Finally we will have a college bowl competition and dinner at the Echo Valley Country Club. We look forward to having you join us!

See you in November,

Mackenzie Russo

IA-IFT Secretary

2016-2017

Event Dates:

- September 15th
- November 17th
- February 16th
- April 20th

Congratulations Laura and Mackenzie!

Congratulations to Laura Weigel, Aerotek, and Mackenzie Russo, Kemin Industries for receiving the IA IFT section

Volunteer of the Year award. Both Laura and Mackenzie serve on the board and have been an integral part in bringing and implementing new ideas to the chapter. Their names were recognized at IFT this year in the Hall of Honor. Thank you both for your time and dedication to IA IFT!



IA IFT Member Spotlight



One of the goals of IA IFT is to create networking opportunities for students and industry professionals in order to bring the best minds in the industry together. Through these networking opportunities, IA IFT hopes that the connections made will bring value to all of our members. Callie Ebel, a recent graduate of Iowa State, opens up to us on how the connections she made with Jolly Time Popcorn, a generous sponsor and member of IA IFT, at an IA IFT event led to her finding an opportunity with the company.



Name: Callie Ebel

Company: Jolly Time Popcorn in Sioux City, IA

Title: Product Developer

What did you study at Iowa State?

I studied Food Science (consumer option) at Iowa State. I received my Bachelors of Science in Food Science in May 2016. I selected Iowa State due to the emphasis on science; this gave me the platform for experimental product development.

When did you become involved with IA IFT and what kind of involvement did you have in the organization as a student member?

I became involved in IA IFT my freshman year of college. I went to meetings and events that were hosted by Iowa State for IFT throughout my four years of college and I used this time to network. This helped me find an internship opportunity with Frontier Organic creating spice blends; some of which are currently being sold in stores under their Simply Organic brand.

Explain how your involvement with IA IFT got you connected with Jolly Time.

Jolly Time Popcorn held a competition at Iowa State through IA IFT. Four teams of three students each competed to create a unique product with the star ingredient as popcorn. My team and I developed a Buttered Popcorn Mousse Trifle. Our product consisted of layers of buttered popcorn mousse and a sweet popcorn crust, topped with salted caramel sauce and a bourbon popcorn pecan crunch. Using mostly industrial ingredients, we had just a few hours to create a formula and produce our product for the competition. We took first place at this competition. After I graduated, Jolly Time Popcorn was looking for a Food Scientist to join their team. I applied, emphasizing in my cover letter about the competition with IFT and Jolly Time, hoping they would remember me and they did. After a few phone interviews, and the company flying me out to Jolly Time Popcorn in Sioux City, IA, I was offered and accepted the job. The IA IFT competition allowed me to test my knowledge of product development; an interest developed over countless hours in the kitchen, and further taught to me at Iowa State. During the competition I was able to prove my problem solving skills as well as understanding of food interactions and the effects of flavorings, on products. This coupled with my experience as a product development intern at Frontier Coop, helped me to land my dream job at Jolly Time.

What is your current role and what does a typical day look like for you at Jolly Time?

I currently work as a Product Developer. My day consists of formulating new products, testing out formulation changes on current product and assisting with quality assurance as needed. I currently work with a lot of spice and flavor formulation, causing me to rely heavily on experience creating products for Frontier Coop/ Simply Organic. I am being exposed to every part of production and quality, giving me a great opportunity in the food industry.



November Meeting Details



Join us as we tour Loffredo Fresh Produce Co. to learn how Loffredo brings fresh produce to the food industry!

When: Thursday November 17th, 2016

Tour: Loffredo Fresh Produce Co.: 1845 Colonial Pkwy, Norwalk, IA 50211

Dinner: Echo Valley Country Club: 3150 Echo Valley Drive, Norwalk, IA 50211

Agenda:

2:30 – 3:30 Loffredo Tour

3:45 – 4:15 Dr. Angela Shaw presentation on FSMA at Echo Valley Country Club

4:15 – 5:15 Social Hour & College Bowl Competition

5:15 – 7:00 Dinner & Business Meeting

Registration Cost:

Free for students, \$30 for members & \$40 for friends of the section

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Our November meeting is student night. As we have done in the past, industry members and IA IFT sponsor student meals. If you are interested in sponsoring a student meal, you may select how many you would like to sponsor during registration.

We will also be giving out scholarships to students during this event. IA IFT is still seeking industry sponsors for scholarships. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Angela Shaw at angelaml@iastate.edu. You can find more detail on sponsoring a scholarship on our website.

Please Register online at www.iftiowa.org by November 10th



College Bowl Competition

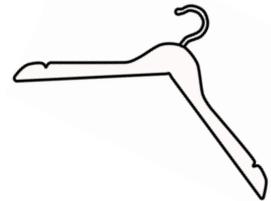
Get ready to test your knowledge of the food industry during our college bowl competition at the November meeting. Students and industry professional will team up together to challenge other teams in the room on their food industry knowledge. Topics include, but are not limited to: food science and technology, history of foods and food processing, food law, general IFT/food-related trivia and so on. Think you have what it takes to be on the winning team? Come find out at our November meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



Annual Coat & Food Drive



The November meeting will include our annual food and coat drive, so please bring non-perishable food items, or new and/or gently used warm winter coats, hats, mittens, and gloves to donate. A raffle will be held for all who participate and prizes will be given! Through this philanthropic event we have donated hundreds of coats to lowans as well as a hefty load of canned foods to those who are in need. Thank you in advance for participating!



Industry Happenings

The food industry is always evolving. Here are some highlights from the last few months:

- The USDA announced that sales for certified organic products were up 13% in 2015
 - Results from the 2015 certified Organic Survey found that overall organic sales were up with eggs, apples, broiler chickens and milk leading the way in sales.
- B&G Foods entered into an agreement to acquire ACH Food's spices business
 - B&G Foods entered into an agreement with ACH Food Companies to acquire their spices and seasonings business which includes *Spice Islands*, *Tone's*, and *Durkee* brands, as well as *Weber* brand sauces and seasonings for \$365 million in cash. B&G will also acquire a manufacturing facility in Ankeny, IA. The acquisition is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2016.

September Meeting Recap

September was a busy month for IA IFT. We kicked off our fiscal year by touring Farmer's Creamery, maker of Kalona Organics in Kalona Iowa. Our hosts were great and we learned a lot about how milk is processed and turned into many of the dairy products we love. We finished off the day with a business meeting, networking and dinner at Kalona Brewing Company.



IA IFT also partnered with the Aksarben IFT Section to tour the new food processing center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. After a great tour, we had chance to network with fellow IFT members from the Aksarben section. It was a great event to expand our network beyond Iowa.

Food Science Club News

The leaves are changing all over campus at Iowa State, and our students have been hard at work and play! Career fairs and company visits were the main themes of our meetings this past month as we hosted Grain Processing Corporation and the OSI Group at our regular meetings. Additionally, the College of Engineering and the College of Agriculture and Life Science career fairs kept students busy outside of classes and club. Cargill and Land O'Lakes held special gatherings for our members during the fairs, and we are immensely grateful for their hospitality. Many of our members received next-round interviews and offers for internships and jobs. We look forward to hearing more about their future endeavors and successes! In the midst of the chaos of career fairs, we created several nights where students could relax, connect, share a meal, and have some fun.



In the coming months, we look forward to the election of a new Executive team and planning for our Fudgemia fundraiser in February. If you would like to purchase fudge for Valentine's Day, please contact us for more details! In December, the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department Silent Auction will culminate the fall semester, and raise money for a great cause. And, we are still taking donations for the auction! If you or your company is interested in donating an item for auction, please contact Erica Beirman by email (ebeirman@iastate.edu) or by phone (515.294.4361).

September Executive Meeting Minutes

September 15th, 2015 at Kalona Brewing Company, Kalona, Iowa 2:00 p.m.

Present: Bailey, Coleman, Davis, Denzer, Gent, Russo, Shaw

Via Audio: Weigel, Williams

The September meeting of the IA Section IFT executive council was called to order at 2:05 by Shaw at Kalona Brewing Company in Kalona, IA.

1. Past President Report: Need to decide if we want to do a traditional suppliers night, a career fair or a large professional development event for a revenue-generating project. Open to other ideas as well. Discussion about sending out a survey to members to see what they want to do. Russo to assist in the survey development. We will have a conference call in a few weeks to further iron out the details.

2. President Report: Shaw spoke with Tom from national IFT for ideas to increase membership. His suggestions was to purchase a list of food companies in the area and send out postcards to them. Bailey suggested having the students contact our current membership list and have them advertise our meetings. Need to get students the list of members.

3. President Elect Report: For the November meeting we are going to have student night which is a change from last year (previously in April). We will be doing a college bowl during this and potentially have students present posters. Looking at going to either HyVee or Anderson Erickson. The annual food and coat drive will take place. Let's encourage members to either donate \$5 if don't bring canned goods / coats.

For the February meeting we will do a happy hour again, but fewer locations. Looking at Des Moines and Iowa City. Need to draw more at the Iowa City location so some board members may need to attend there. Looking to bring in a speaker to each location—potentially some sort of service to the food industry or a lawyer. Todd has offered to speak previously from a regulatory point of view. Aerotek is willing to sponsor again.

For the April meeting, Clark University in Dubuque is a go. Clark is willing to reach out to other people in the industry as well to draw a larger group.

4. Treasurer Report: We need to get a secondary person added to the account—maybe Gent in addition to Coleman. Linda Loucks found the missing \$500—it appears Tones still has not paid the \$500 scholarship from April. Need to reach out to them. Need to update the scholarships line item to \$2700. There is \$72 dollars that should go under scholarships that was placed under meals from personal donors. The only negative balance currently is \$200 from the iCubs game. Need to do a sweep from that.

5. Food Science Club Report: Their first meeting had a great turnout and they had a fun movie night social. The group has Land O'Lakes coming in next Wednesday, career night and internship night coming up. There will be 11 students attending this evening's event.

6. Scholarships: We need reviewers and sponsors for scholarships in November. We need to go back and find the forms—Kate Gilbert will review those. Dr. Clark will lead the reviewing again as she has in the past. The deadline for students is October 12th. For sponsors let's reach out to Jolly Time, GPC, Kemin, Eurofins, Tones and Essentia.

7. Goals for the Year: Russo—push out social media presence, especially to industry members. Weigel and Williams—create a welcome packet that we can send out to all members with a list of tours we have done in the past, magnets (still have some) and recruitment brochure. We should always have some on hand at meetings for new attendees. Make sure to budget for postage to send these out. If there are local ones in the Des Moines area, Aerotek is willing to hand deliver them.

8. Forum Review / Ideas / Other Actions: Gent, Shaw, Russo and Davis gave a recap of the IFT Leadership Forum. A few ideas we had that came out of it: sponsoring high school science fairs to encourage students to look into food science as a career option, lunch and learns or breakfast before business—likely in the central DSM area if we did, adding a list of free lectures at Iowa State to the IA IFT website and/or have a formal dinner, maybe at the Science Center in 2017/2018 fiscal year. We need to get our Facebook and LinkedIn links on the website.

We have the option to apply to IFT for a formal speaker—we need to say who and when if we choose to go this route. Have to pick from the approved speaker list. The board will review.

Need to generate more ways to make money since no longer doing the IFT Suppliers night. Goal to generate ideas with industry members at our meetings. We will also do a member survey for ideas for the large events such as a golf tournament or technology showcase—Bailey and Russo to lead the survey efforts.

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Minutes Continued:

9. Budget: Had a 2016/2017 proposed budget review. Went through each line item to set budget for next year.

10. Adjourn: Shaw moved to adjourn at 3:32 pm. Gent seconded. The motioned passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mackenzie Russo, IA IFT Secretary

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