

North Central Area News

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Welcome Back!!

Hi everyone! My name is Alyssa Bakke, and I will once again be serving as your area representative. I am a third year PhD student at the University of Minnesota. My research investigates sensory barriers to consumption of whole wheat bread. I have been active in college bowl, product development, and my local club for the past 5 years. I look forward to a great year in the North Central Area.

Mark Your Calendars

The area meeting will be held Saturday, March 3rd at the University of Minnesota. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Website Forums

Have you checked out the IFTSA website lately? Lots of new content has been added since the redesign. One of the most exciting new areas is a forum area for you to get in touch with IFTSA leaders and each other. Go check it out at <http://www.iftsa.org/forums/>.

IFTSA Competitions

College Bowl

The IFTSA College Bowl Competition tests the knowledge of student teams from across the United States in the areas of food science and technology, history of foods and food processing, food law, and general IFT/food-related trivia. I encourage all the chapters in our area to compete in the college bowl competition at our area meeting next spring. For more information go to: <http://www.iftsa.org/competitions/cb/cb.php>.

Product Development

In the product development competition, teams of students work together to develop a new food product and the marketing concept behind it. Preliminary proposals are due by **Feb. 15, 2007**. For more information go to: <http://www.iftsa.org/competitions/pd/pd.php>.

Chapter of the Year

The Chapter of the Year Award is earned by the chapter that has the most participation at the local and national level. All chapters are eligible to compete, but you *must* enter to win. An award for the Most Improved Chapter is also awarded. Entry forms and rules can be found at <http://www.iftsa.org/competitions/coy/coy.php>. The deadline to enter is **May 1, 2007**.

Graduate Research Paper Competition

Students can enter an original research paper in any subject related to food science and technology. Abstracts must be submitted by **January 2, 2007**. For more information go to: <http://www.iftsa.org/competitions/grp/grp.php>.

Undergraduate Research Paper Competition

Undergraduates who have participated in an independent research project are encouraged to enter this competition. Students must submit your intent to enter by **March 1, 2007**. Abstracts are due by **March 15, 2007**. For more information go to: <http://www.iftsa.org/competitions/urp/urp.php>.

Excellence in Leadership Award

The purpose of the IFTSA Achievement Award is to recognize those student members who have given outstanding service to their Student Chapter. Please encourage your chapter advisor or department head to nominate one graduate and one undergraduate student from your school. Nominations are due to Shari Baxter (shari.baxter@umit.maine.edu) by **February 15, 2007**. For more information go to: <http://www.iftsa.org/competitions/ela/ela.php>.

IFTSA Elections

It is never too early to start thinking about running for a position in National IFTSA. Positions include both elected positions like area representative and president and many appointed positions. Serving in a position is a great way to meet people and gain leadership experience. Keep your eyes on the IFTSA website for more information about national elections.

IFT Scholarships and Fellowships

IFT offers over 100 undergraduate scholarships and more than 30 graduate fellowships. To find out more information and to download an application go to: <http://www.ift.org/cms/?pid=1000438>. Deadlines to submit materials to your department head are **February 1, 2007** for graduate students, juniors, and seniors, **March 1, 2007** for sophomores, and **February 15, 2007** for incoming freshman.

Club Updates

Iowa State

The Iowa State University Food Science Club has had a busy fall. Activities included planning and attending a Food Science Human Nutrition Department Welcome, volunteering with Food at First (a program set up to provide hot meals for those who need it in the Ames community), and sponsoring various company speakers. Social events included cleaning and decorating our new Food Science Club offices and getting lost in a corn maze. Members of the club also participated in the Culinology Challenge and Midwest Food Processing Conference in Chicago. Activities we are looking forward to this spring include a club trip to Wisconsin, the IFTSA regional meeting, and a return of fudge sales.

Minnesota

The Food Science and Nutrition Club at the University of Minnesota has had an eventful semester so far. We started out the year with our annual "Welcome Back" meeting and BBQ. We have also been informed of great career opportunities by speakers from both Schreiber Foods and General Mills. We have also been busy with different volunteer activities. Some of them include Second

Harvest Heartland and a trick-or-treating for food drive. For other activities, college bowl practices and the product development team are now both underway and we're looking forward to a great year. As for fundraisers we hosted a great Mexican cooking class in conjunction with a presentation by a food historian. We will also be selling shirts with the new club logo! As for upcoming events we will have our annual international potluck where will enjoy information and cuisine from around the world.

Nebraska

This year, the food science club from the University of Nebraska has done the following activities:

- Food industry tour to St. Louis where we visited food companies including ingredients, beverage and ethanol facilities.
- International potluck dinner sponsored by the food science club for the food science dept including staff, faculty, undergrads and graduate students. This event was done to create a sense of unity within the department.
- In addition to our ice cream booth at the state fair which we sold scooped ice cream, we staffed an additional booth to serve soft serve ice cream. We had an all time high of volunteers from the food science department this year.
- We had our annual trick/treating for canned goods which benefited the Lincoln food bank.
- This year, we're preparing for both the product development and quiz bowl competitions sponsored by IFTSA.

Other Clubs in the Area:

Colorado State

Kansas State

Missouri

North Dakota State

South Dakota State