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South Central IFTSA



Institute of Food Technologists Student Association

Get Involved Today!!!!

With so many opportunities, how can students not be involved with IFT??? The main reason is that students don't know what is out there for them to participate in. Well let me tell you, there is something for everyone in IFT. I have listed below just a few things to get you started. More activities and events can be found at www.ift.org

IFTSA COMPETITIONS

Product Development, College Bowl, Chapter of the Year, and Research Paper contests allows students to interact

with each other and to compete with other universities across the country. They also give you a chance to show off your food science knowledge and give your school some bragging rights.

AREA REPS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

If you want to be involved at the national level, this is a great way to start. Volunteer to be an area representative or serve on one of the many committees. Who knows, maybe you'll like it and try for the presidency next?!

REGIONAL MEETINGS

If you can't make it to the national meeting, you can make it to some of the regional meetings in your area. It is a great way to network with food industry professionals. Most will sponsor a Supplier's Night which is a miniature version of the Annual Expo. They usually encourage student involvement at their functions. Find out when your section's Supplier's Night will be at <http://www.ift.org/sections/regional/suppliersnight.shtml>

Visit the Student Association website at www.ift.org for more ideas!

The IFT Portal

Have you ever browsed through the IFTSA web page and seen a link entitled "IFT Portal" on the navigation bar? Have you ever opened this link? Well, the other day I got a little curious and decided to see what this portal was all about. Now I wish I would have know about it earlier. This website contains a list of all kinds of resources relating to food. It is essentially the

information resource for IFT. If you need to find organizations that focus on packaging, you click on the "packaging" file and it will give you a list of all the resources available and a brief description about each organization. If you want to find governmental organizations in other countries, you click on the file "Government." It is a well-structured program and is useful for anyone that is studying food science or a related field.

I encourage you to check it out. If you are ever writing a paper and need some supporting materials, this may be one of the first places you check into. You can access the IFT Portal at the following website:

<http://infosource.ift.org/>

It is definitely one of IFT's hidden treasures.

More Ways to Get Involved

- Video Conferences
- Student Chapter Mtgs
- Annual Meeting
- Submit articles to IFT Newsletters
- Talk with IFT Fellows
- Submit College Bowl Questions
- Recruit New Students

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UP and COMING!!! December 1st presents 3 Deadlines!!



As always, we continue to update our members on upcoming deadlines regarding competitions and awards. Please see the list to the right for any important dates that may pertain to you. Remember...start planning early!!!!!!

Will you be IFTSA's next CHAPTER OF THE YEAR? Not unless you submit an intent-to-enter notification to jdfireba@hotmail.com by DECEMBER 1st, 2002!!!!

Planning to win the GRADUATE RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION? If so, make sure gillian@ufl.edu receives your abstract by DECEMBER 1st, 2002

Know any outstanding teachers? If so, submit your favorite teacher's nomination for the William Cruess Award by DECEMBER 1st. Remember...Only Food Science Professors can be nominated (no nominations for your favorite Kindergarden teacher will be accepted!!

Promoting Food Science to High Schools

"...remember to give to the IFT Foundation!!!!"

Many student organizations like to recruit students into Food Science by educating high school and middle school students. An easy way to do this is to encourage teachers to use the Intro to Food Science program located on the following webpage: [www.ift.org/education/fo](http://www.ift.org/education/food_industry/intro.shtml)

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This program gives a comprehensive view of the food industry and is targeted for high school students. Pre- and post-exams are included in this training. IFT Student organizations could present one of these modules to a group and then encourage

teachers to follow-up with the remainder of the materials. This would be perfect for extra credit in biology, chemistry, hon economics, and agricultural classes.
I encourage you to check this program out and utilize it when presenting programs to younger students.

"How to Run a Good Student Chapter"



If you are looking for more ways to involve your student chapter in university, community, and department events, the "How to Run a Good Student Chapter" handbook is a good place to start. It has creative

ideas on fundraising, social meetings, and business meetings to add a little spunk to your events. This handbook was created by the IFTSA so everything pertains to food science chapters. Looking for

community activities and volunteer ideas, this handout has plenty of great ideas. Download the handbook at www.iftsa.org today!!

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Who is the South Central Area?

The South Central Area is one of six areas in the Student Association. Our area consists of Oklahoma State University, Texas Tech University, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, University of Arkansas, and Texas A&M University. We only meet once a year at the College Bowl Competition and Meeting (tentatively scheduled for March 13 in Dallas, TX). Since physical contact between the universities is limited, I

think it is a good idea to share ideas between chapters through email. I have provided the email addresses of the presidents of the chapter's in our area in case you need advise on fundraising, volunteering, or meeting schedules. Feel free to keep an open line and an open mind when talking with each other. Who knows, you may gain a new friend in another state.

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Texas A&M University News



In order to provide more opportunities like this for our members we have implemented six committees to help with club involvement. The plant tours committee has planned tours in San Antonio on November 22nd. We will be touring Coca-Cola Bottling Company, H.E.B. Quality Assurance and Environmental Affairs Facility, and we are still undecided on the third plant we will be touring. During the spring we will be going to Dallas for plant tours and are still organizing this trip. Our fundraising committee is up and running;

we are selling beef and turkey jerky this year. Our goal is to raise enough money to have a club scholarship at the end of the year. The scholarship will depend on the student's involvement within the club. A new point system has been created this year to help keep track of member involvement. The community service committee and other club members participated in a Children's Halloween Museum. Unfortunately, we were only able to participate for an hour due to rain. This year we are involved with IFT team competitions. Our product development team is well

on its way; a product has been decided and formulations are being experimented. We are also organizing a college bowl team to compete at IFT, our plan is to be well represented at Supplier's Night in March and hopefully advance to the finals in Chicago. In the month of November we are planning to have a social with the Dairy Science Club to go bowling. Dr. Mark McLellan, president of IFT will be speaking at our meeting on November 5th.