



IFTSA South Central Area

"Food Science with a Southern Flavor"

Arkansas, Louisiana State, Mississippi State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech



My name is Mandy Mayeaux, and I am your new South Central Area Representative for 2006/07. I am a senior Louisiana State University's Food Science Department concentrating in Food Chemistry and analysis. I am particularly interested in and currently researching antioxidants and their application in functional foods. I am also the Community Chair for my University's Food Science Club. I organize community service events for the

club, and I hope to have community-service-idea sharing between our six universities. As Area Representative, I am in charge of organizing our area's annual meeting and College Bowl Competition, and below you will find some preliminary information regarding this meeting and news from IFT/IFTSA.

AREA NEWS

2006/07 South Central Area Annual Meeting And College Bowl Competition

The South Central Annual Meeting and College bowl Competition brings together students from our IFTSA area to compete in the college bowl competition, meet with food industry representatives, and interact with other students from the various universities. This is a great place to test your knowledge of various food science areas like Food Safety, Food Chemistry, IFT/IFTSA History, etc... I encourage all schools to participate because not only does the South Central Area's winning school get a \$1000 travel grant to the annual IFT meeting which will be held in Chicago, July 2007, but it is going to be a great time having a food science weekend in the bayou. If you have any questions you can contact the College Bowl Chair:
Naomi Sundalius, nsunda1@lsu.edu



Location: Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA

Perspective Dates: All dates are weekends, Friday-Sunday

- March 23-25
- March 30-April 1
- April 12-14

* I will be receiving a vote by 11/28 from all schools as to which date will be best.

Entry Requirements: All schools are required to submit 40 competition questions as their entry fee into the college bowl competition. I will be sending an email to all chapters about the proper format of these questions.

*Please continue to check emails as I will be sending more information about the set date, hotels, etc...

IFT/IFTSA NEWS

Do you sit up late at night watching infomercials and thinking I could invent that? NOW is your Chance!

The IFTSA Product Development Competition wants your team's innovative food product!

Preliminary Proposals Due: Feb. 15, 2007

Winning Prizes: \$4000, \$2500, \$1000

Requirements at:

www.iftsa.org/competitions/pd/pd.php#dates.

Or contact:

Rashmi Tiwari

rashmit@eden.rutgers.edu



Have a true leader in your department?

Nominate them for the **Excellence in Leadership Award** sponsored by IFTSA and Campbell's Soup.

Who: 2 students (1 undergrad and 1 graduate) from each chapter who has shown excellent contribution to the success of the chapter.

Nominations: Must be made by Chapter Advisor or Department Head with one letter of support by a chapter officer

When: Nominations must be completed by February 15, 2007

What: Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to the top undergraduate and graduate student

Contact: Shari Baxter

University of Maine

shari.baxter@umit.maine.edu

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Do you think your chapter has what it takes?

If your chapter exemplifies *leaders, versatile members, positive attitude, involvement with IFT/IFTSA, quality programs, active faculty and staff, networking, etc...*,

Turn in your application for Chapter of the Year by **May 1, 2007**.

For rules eligibility visit

www.iftsa.org/competitions/coy/coy.php

Or contact:

Sylvia Gaysinsky

University of Massachusetts

sgaysins@foodsci.umass.edu



RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITIONS

For those students who want to enter their research in a national competition with a chance to win travel grants to the Annual IFT Meeting and Expo and scholarships money.

Applicants must be a member of IFTSA by December 31 one year prior to the competition and not graduating before July.

Graduates

JANUARY 2: Abstracts are DUE

For rules visit:

www.iftsa.org/competitions/grp/grp.php

Or Contact:

Shari Baxter

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Undergraduates

It's never too early to start researching...

If you are interested:

MARCH 1:

Submit a letter of intent-to-enter

March 15: Abstracts are DUE

For rules visit:

www.iftsa.org/competitions/urp/urp.php

or Contact:

Stelios Viazis

University of Minnesota

viazi003@umn.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS!!!!

It's never too early to start researching and preparing applications for scholarships, so be sure to check with your departments about any departmental or university scholarships or look into these scholarships:

- IFT Undergraduate Scholarships and Graduate Fellowships:
 - Graduate Fellowships – Deadline: February 1
 - Junior/Senior Scholarships – Deadline: February 1
 - Freshman/ Sophomore Scholarship – Deadline: February 15
- Association of Food and Drug Officials Scholarship Award
 - Deadline: February 1
 - Visit www.afdo.org

ONE MORE UPCOMING DATE NOT TO FORGET ABOUT ...



If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at:

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Also, I would love to put any club events or community service activities that your chapter has participated in in the next issue of the newsletter, so please keep me posted on your chapter's year.