

Southeast Area Newsletter

Greetings:

Welcome to the first Southeast Area newsletter of 2009. I hope everyone had a wonderful winter holiday and is looking forward to our upcoming southeast area regional College Bowl competition and Area Meeting. The event this year will be held in Gainesville, Florida on March 27-29th and should be a lot of fun. The details of the event are listed below.

Congratulations to all of our Southeast Area chapter presidents who wrote essays for the Chapter Leaders Challenge. I was very proud of all the essay submissions and wish you all the best of luck at the annual meeting. To highlight what a wonderful job all the chapter presidents have done this year they are all featured in the Southeast Area student spotlight below.

I look forward to meeting everyone at the Southeast Area College Bowl and Area Meeting. Until then... continue to keep up the good work at your respected University's and good luck studying for college bowl.

- Laura K Strawn
Southeast Area Representative 2008-2009

Regional College Bowl:

Location:

The 2009 Southeast Area College Bowl and Area Meeting will be held at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.

Hotel Info – **Holiday Inn** (1250 W. University Ave. Gainesville, FL 32601)

Special College Bowl Rate \$89 if booked before **February 27th, 2009**.

Must call (1-800 Holiday or 352-376-1661) and use reference code RCB or identify yourself as part of the SE Area Regional College Bowl Competition.



Teams:

Each University is allowed to have a college bowl team as long as they submit 20 questions to Rachel Crockett who is the College Bowl Chair. Teams who still wish to compete can send questions to collegebowlquestions@hotmail.com. The final deadline to submit questions is March 1st, 2009. The teams participating in the 2009 college bowl according to

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IFTSA are: Alabama A&M, Clemson, Louisiana State University, University of Florida and University of Georgia.

Schedule of Events:

Friday

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| Afternoon | - Arrive and check into hotel (Holiday Inn on University Ave.) |
| 6:00 pm | - Meet and Greet at Mellow Mushroom; across the road from hotel (Pizza and soda provided) |

Saturday

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| 8:00 am | - Breakfast and competition check-in |
| 9:00 am | - Welcome |
| 9:30 am | - College Bowl Competition Begins |
| 12:30 pm | - Break for Lunch (sandwiches, chips and drinks provided) |
| 1:15pm | - Resume College Bowl Competition |
| 3:30pm | - Concluding remarks |
| 3:45pm | - Area Meeting |
| 6:00pm | - Dinner at the Swamp Restaurant (fully catered) |

Sunday

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| Morning | - Check out and Have a Safe Drive Home |
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Chapter Presidents Spotlight:

Meet our Wonderful Southwest Area Chapter Presidents!

David K. Asiamah ~ Alabama A&M University

David entered the Alabama A&M University (AAMU) food science program in the spring of 2005. He is a native of Ghana and currently a graduate student. David has been heavily involved with the AAMU chapter of IFTSA since his sophomore year. He has held the offices of parliamentarian and vice president of the club in subsequent years. He also serves as the undergraduate representative of the Phi Tau Sigma honorary society AAMU chapter. David's tenure as president of the AAMU chapter of IFTSA has been fun and life changing. The executive committee and advisors of the chapter have worked tirelessly with him in the execution of his duties. Teamwork and hard work have been the hallmark of this executive committee. David believes it is an honor and



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privilege working with such diligent and dedicated individuals. He was selected as one of the winners of the IFTSA chapter president's challenge. Though this is a singular honor, he shares it with the entire AAMU Food Science Club, because without their support this would not have been possible. Lastly, David hopes to work with the leadership of the IFT/IFTSA in the near future to advance the science of food.



Danielle Lynn ~ Clemson University

Danielle Lynn is the president of the Clemson University Food Science and Human Nutrition Club. She has traveled from her home in Cinnaminson, New Jersey to attend Clemson and pursue her interests in the food science field. She is currently a sophomore majoring in Food Science and Technology with a minor in Packaging Sciences. The Clemson FSHN Club is very busy this semester preparing for a food drive to help the local Clemson Community Care Center and volunteering at the Meals on Wheels Mardi Gras event in Anderson, South Carolina. She also encourages anyone interested in the Clemson University FSHN Club to email her dlynn@clemson.edu.

Lauren Cook ~ Louisiana State University

Lauren is a graduate student finishing up this August. She is very excited! She received her Bachelor's Degree in Food Science from LSU in May 2007. Lauren is currently working on non-thermal pasteurization for fruit juices. She has been a member of the LSU Food Science Club for 4 years and loves being able to plan and organize all of the meetings and events. The LSU food science club has had a great year so far due in part to many new members. Lastly, Lauren is obsessed with baking, her puggle Luna, and planning her wedding which is this October.



Tony Garcia ~ Mississippi State University

Antonio "Tony" Garcia grew up in Brandon, Mississippi near the state capitol of Jackson. After graduating from Northwest Rankin High School in May 2004, he enrolled at Mississippi State University in Starkville where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Food Science in May 2008. During his tenure at MSU, he spent two summers as an intern in Murfreesboro, TN at Heritage Farms Dairy Inc. where he assisted in daily plant operations and also helped to author standard operating procedures (SOP) manuals for several jobs

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at the plant. Starting in the fall of 2008, he plans to pursue his Master of Science Degree in Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion with emphasis in the field of sensory analysis and product development. An active member of Mississippi State's Food Science Club, Tony served as coordinator of the club's Bully Box Project fundraiser during the 2007-2008 school year. He has also participated on the club's College Bowl team and has competed nationally with MSU's Dairy Judging team.

Sonia Hudson ~ University of Florida

Sonia is originally from Fort Lauderdale, Florida and is currently a senior at the University of Florida. She will receive her B.S. in Food Science and Human Nutrition this semester and is very excited about starting graduate school next fall! Her interests are to work with fruits and vegetables and sensory. In addition to the Food Science and Human Nutrition club, she is the current Product Development team leader, Student Representative of the IFT Foodservice division, Community Relations chair of the UF Campus Kitchens Project, and has been involved with the Dairy Judging team and Florida Association of Food Protection. She loves to watch Gators athletics, travel around the world, attend concerts, create flower arrangements, and spend time with her friends!



Brain Landers ~ University of Georgia

Brain grew up in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and attended his first year of college at James Madison University. While at JMU, he lived in the international dorm which gave him a very clear direction of some major goals he wanted to achieve in his life. Because of his time at JMU, gaining as much of an understanding as he could of the many languages and cultures around the world, it has become one of his life's passions, and is also something that will have a significant impact on his career path. During the summers, he interned at Anheuser-Busch, and got a crystal clear picture of "the real world" with a full time job. After he completed managerial training, he was a shift manager in all the different areas of the brewing department. Rotating shifts, managing experienced people and a multi-billion dollar process were only a few of the invaluable experience he gained from Budweiser. Brian began at the University of Georgia in 2006 after a study abroad to Salamanca, Spain. He has since completed a Spanish minor, and studied Mandarin and Arabic. In his final year at UGA, he took up leadership in the Food Science Club, and has greatly enjoyed the challenges and rewards that come with being a chapter president. After graduation, he hopes to move to the Washington D.C. area with a job that lets him do international travel. In any event, his collegiate experience has been one of a kind, and he cannot wait for the adventures of life after graduation!