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Meet the 2023-2024 IFTSA Board

The IFTSA Board of Directors works to create and execute all IFTSA programming each year. Serving one-year terms, these student members have direct responsibility for competitions, chapters, membership experience, volunteer development, as well as our social media channels.

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Thank You, Volunteers!

Annually, the IFTSA Office of the President appoints several volunteers to IFTSA roles and recommends students to other arms of the organization. The IFTSA roles include Competition Chairs, Regional College Bowl Chairs, the Blog Editor, and Social Media Manager.

Science Meets Food Editor: Yutong Li, The Ohio State University

Social Media Manager: Paula Szymanowicz, The Pennsylvania State University

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Student Chapter Leaders

If you have any questions about IFTSA or IFT, or would like to get more involved, please contact Stephanie Walaszek at swalaszek@ift.org

About IFTSA

The IFT Student Association (IFTSA) is a student-governed community of IFT members. It is a mission-driven organization that executes programming and competitions throughout the year, supports student members and chapters, and aims to develop the leaders in the future of the science of food.

Vision: A global community of inspired and informed students who are prepared for the future of their choosing.

Mission: To enrich the academic experience and empower students to thrive individually and together.
PepsiCo Meet and Greets
Do you want to know what it is like to be a product developer, engineer, flavor and seasoning expert or project manager at PepsiCo?
Join us for the PepsiCo meet and greet sessions in the IFTSA Student Lounge (Vista Ballroom) and get your questions answered.

Meet and Greet Times:
Sun, July 14: 4:00PM - 5:00PM
Mon, July 15: 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Tues, July 16: 2:00PM - 3:00PM

New Graduate & Internship Meet and Greets
Engage with and learn about leading companies - Ingredion, Edlong, Ajinomoto, and Division of Food Standards and Labeling, FDA/CFSAN. This is an opportunity to gain insights into their internship programs and explore potential career paths within the companies.

Meet and Greet Times:
Mon, July 15: 11:30AM - 2:30PM
Tues, July 16: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Top Tips for a Successful IFT FIRST

1. Make a list - know what sessions you want to attend and what companies you want to visit. Download the IFT FIRST App to add sessions and vendors to your planner.

2. Make connections with your peers. Walk the expo floor with them, attend scientific sessions, or watch student competitions.

3. Have your contact information ready. You can share information through business cards or creating a QR code to your LinkedIn page or personal website.

4. It’s ok to take a break! Take time to recharge and put your best self forward (the IFTSA Student Lounge is a great place for this!)

5. Expo exhibitors are here to do business and their busiest days are Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday is the best day to engage in conversations and ask your questions.

Watch this quick video to learn how to navigate the expo floor as a student
IFT Hub Experiences
(Open during expo hours)
- Professional Headshots
- Selfie Wall
- Ribbon Wall
- International Lounge
- Networking Nook

Member Resource Networking Hours
There are several opportunities to network with like-minded peers and professionals. Students are welcome to meet up with a volunteer leader and peers in the IFTSA Student Lounge 15 minutes prior to any event, and together everyone will walk to the IFT Hub.

Monday, July 15th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: IFT Early Careerist Resource Group Networking Hour
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: IFT Women's Resource Group Networking Hour
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM: Asian, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Networking Hour
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM: Multicultural Networking Hour
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Neurodiversity and Disability Inclusion Networking Hour

Tuesday, July 16th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: IFT African, African American, Black Resource Group Networking Hour
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: IFT Proud (LGBTQIA+) Resource Group Networking Hour
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM: Hispanic and Latinx Networking Hour - Sponsored by Ingredion
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Multi-Generational Networking Hour

Wednesday, July 17th
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Find Your Next Friend Networking Hour
### IFTSA Student Events

*All events are in McCormick Place, unless otherwise specified.*

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Undergraduate Research Competition

Sponsored by Phi Tau Sigma

Designed to showcase outstanding undergraduate research, this competition seeks students engaged in independent research interested in presenting at the IFT Annual Event.

Schedule

Monday, July 15, 2024 · 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
McCormick Place, South Hall Research Stage

Judges

Adelia C. Bovell-Benjamin, Tuskegee University
Deepti Salvi, NC State University
Charlene Van Buiten, Colorado State University
Rick Falkenburg, Food Safety & Process Technology Group, Inc.

Finalists

Murphy Carroll
The Ohio State University
“Application of Sensors for the Non-Invasive Determination of Strawberry Quality”

Mawunyo Mary Alorwu
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi
“Assessing Food Safety Knowledge and Practices among Food Service Providers”

Sofia Castillo-Madrigal
University of Costa Rica
“Impact of enzymatic hydrolysis on the physicochemical and techno-functional properties of runner bean (Phaseolus coccineus) protein isolates for enhanced application in plant-based food formulations”

Stefhanie Loaiza-Sanchez
University of Costa Rica
“Prevalence and inactivation of Salmonella spp. in microwaveable frozen ready-to-eat (RTE) and not-ready-to-eat (NRTE) chicken products”

Tsz Chun Choi
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
“Effect of Pre-Gelatinized Flour on Bread Physical and Sensory Characteristics” in Kimchi”

Vladislav Korolev
The University of British Columbia
“Production of Insulin Precursors Using Komagataella Pastoris” items”

Vanessa Njoku
Competition Chair
Tuskegee University
Graduate Research Video Competition

Sponsored by Campden BRI

Showcase your graduate research in a creative and concise way! Interested students will submit a fun, creative, three-minute video related to original research conducted by the student during their graduate studies related to any subject in food science or technology.

Schedule

Monday, July 15, 2024 · 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
McCormick Place, South Hall Research Stage

Judges

Emma Hanby, Campden BRI
Craig Leadley, Campden BRI
Megan Ford, Campden BRI
Bertrand Emond, Campden BRI

Finalists

Ivannova Lituma
Louisiana State University
“Effect of UV-C Light Treatment Against Listeria monocytogenes on Hydroponically Grown Lettuce and its Effect on Quality”

Shivaprasad Doddabematti Prakash
Kansas State University
“The advancements in wheat tempering for pathogen control”

Laura Lopez Aldana
University of Alberta
“Enhancement of 3D-Printed Foods to Improve Swallowing for Individuals with Dysphagia”
Eggcelerator Lab® Product Development Competition

Sponsored by The American Egg Board

The American Egg Board’s Eggcelerator Lab® Product Development Competition gave students a chance to showcase their talent, knowledge, and ingenuity through the lens of snacking. With eggs as their secret ingredient, participants developed unique and tasty snack solutions to satisfy the ever-evolving preferences of today’s consumers while making a good source of protein claim.

Judges

Charlie Baggs, Charlie Baggs Culinary Innovations
Zal Taleyarkhan, Charlie Baggs Culinary Innovations
Adam Moore, Flashpoint Innovation
Tristan Acevedo, Flashpoint Innovation
Nelson Serrano-Bahri, American Egg Board

Finalists

Ancient Grains Tetelas De Huevo Y Mofongo
Johnson & Wales University, Providence
Team: Josue Angel Cervantes & Alexander Kroslak
Ancient Grains Tetelas De Huevo Y Mofongo are a triangle-shaped snack made with a dough containing ancient grains stuffed with scrambled eggs and plantains representing a unique fusion between Mexican and Puerto Rican cuisines delivering 10g protein per 2 tetela serving.

Eggspresso
University of Georgia, Athens
Team: Sanket Prakash Vanare & Mackenzie Bui
Eggspresso delivers all the protein benefits of eggs and the deliciousness of instant cold coffee in one 8 oz beverage containing 5g protein per serving.

Sabby Rolls
Cornell University
Team: Sonia Su & Viral Shukla
Sabby Rolls are a crispy egg based roll cookie filled with a sabayon cream filling and dipped in dark chocolate containing 6.21 grams of protein in a 2 roll serving.
IFTSA & Mars Product Development Competition

Sponsored by Mars Wrigley

This competition, in its 34th year, is a chance for students to take the skills and knowledge learned in school and apply them to a real-world situation. Each participating school’s team develops a new food idea and carries the concept through marketing and production, much like a commercial product development team. This is a great opportunity for any student to get involved in food science and IFTSA, challenging organization, teamwork, creativity, and scientific skills.

Schedule

Monday, July 15, 2024 · 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM · Room S501BCD
Product Tasting: Closed to Public

Judges

Jeremy Purwo, Mars Wrigley
David Andales, Mars Wrigley
Mark Nisbet, Mars Wrigley
Rachel Zemser, A La Carte Connections
Zachary Cartwright, Aqualab

Finalists

Nonna’s Nopales - Cornell University

Mango Sticky Bites - California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Team: Estrella Mandujano Sanchez*, Jane Wangjaya, Natalee Wolley, ShuTing Chen, Emily Byun

Bright Bites - University of Florida
Team: Ellie Morris*, Emma Holliday, Evelyn Nielsen, Ashley Maharaj

SOL: Spice of Life - Chapman University
Team: Taylor Thompson*, Cosette Pearce, Makayla Gallimore, Nihaal Nagda

Quinocchis - McGill University
Team: Veronica Jaramillo*, Nicole Yateke, Marie Premont St-Jean, Omid Sadeghpour Marvi, Diana Rodriguez-Hernandez

KimCheer - Oregon State University
Team: Ellie Sage Taylor*, Sasha Nerney, Trenton Reed, Alec Sobotka, Sindhura Karuturi, Jubal Bernstein

*Indicates team captain

Hanyu Chen
Competition Chair
Cornell University

MARS WRIGLEY
Smart Snacks for Kids Product Development Competition

This competition challenges students to develop a fun and nutritious food or beverage product targeted at kids and/or teens. Products must abide by the USDA “Guide to Smart Snacks in School” recommendations. Teams are empowered to use their imagination in the science and overall appeal in the creation of a novel product.

Schedule
Monday, July 15, 2024 · 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM · Room S501BC
Product Tasting: Closed to Public

Judges
Nancy Awasti, Lactils
Niamh Harbourne, USD School of Ag. and Food Science
Ogechukwu Tasie, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
Rajesh Kumar, Kansas State University
Yuxiao Wu, Sr. Pharmavite
Jim Dar, Dar Brothers Enterprises, LLC

Finalists
FIAYA - Kasetsart University

Magic Mud Pot - McGill University
Team: Siqi Li*, Emily Legault, Marguerite Drolet, Chanie Corbeil-Stroombergen

T-Rex Crunch - Tecnológico de Monterrey Campus Querétaro
Team: Nereida Oropeza Urbano *, Andrea Gil Bringas, Danna Ixchel Morales Castelán, Ileana Karyme, Gallegos Quiroz, María José Vázquez Rico

Tepache Tornado - University of California, Davis
Team: Dion Skaria*, Naomi Myrie, Enrique Fernandez, Younju Cho, Alex Wu

Gualactic - Tecnológico de Monterrey Campus Querétaro
Team: Ariadna Itzel Hernández Benítez*, Andrea Paz Molina, David Vázquez Hernández, Ana Camila Cuellar Almaraz, Mariana Ortega Ponce

Yabramn Hand Pies - University of Idaho
Team: Nick Mannino*, Erin Macado, Steven Verver, Jonathan Hildenbrand

*Indicates team captain

Brittany Kralik
Competition Chair
University of Minnesota
Developing Solutions for Developing Countries Product Development Competition

Sponsored by Feeding Tomorrow Fund

The IFT Student Association (IFTSA) is committed to engaging student members from around the world to utilize their scientific skills to serve a bigger cause. This competition promotes the application of food science and technology and the development of new products and processes that are targeted at improving the quality of life for people in developing countries.

Schedule

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM · Room S50IBCD

Judges

Cyprian Syeunda, Texas A&M University
Nancy Jo Seaton, Seaton Food Consultants
Todd Manisco, McDonalds Corporations
Gordon Okyere, Partners in Food Solutions

Finalists

HopEnergy - University of Costa Rica
Team: Adriana Mora*, Yeimi Marín, Raquel Rey, Ashlee Sosa

Bonapia Multipaste - McGill University

Quin’chevere - University of Costa Rica
Team: Debbie Castro Navarro *, Carla Chan Madrigal, Dagne Poveda Araya, Ximena Segura Mejías

Moringfir - Taylor's University
Team: Dephany Yong Hui Ping*, Chamoda Nimsali Maddumage, Chew Wai Sim, Emily Sia Wan Tyn, Lim Tze Xuen, Rene

TANDUM Noodle - Institut Pertanian Bogor
Team: Imroati Fatimatuzzahra*, Lathifa Novianti Lyantin; Sarah Azzahra

GemBoost Tempeh - Institut Pertanian Bogor
Team: Feizya Hilyata M*, Inaya Chairani, Raychan Zalza

*Indicates team captain

Toyosi Timilehin George
Competition Chair
Texas A&M University
College Bowl Competition
Sponsored by Nestlé Purina

Since 1985, College Bowl Competition has tested the knowledge of student teams. The College Bowl is designed to facilitate interaction among students from different universities and provides a forum for students to engage in friendly competition.

Schedule
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM · Room S504BCD

Judges
Abigail Sommers, Abbott
Randy Kreinbrink, Artemis International
Liliana Casal-Wardle, The Acheson Group
Mary Carunchia, PepsiCo
Amy Dejong, Mars Wrigley

Keren Kles, Kles Consulting
Mohamed Badaoui Najjar, PepsiCo
Maddy Levin, Clasen Quality Chocolate
Luis Espinoza, Ventura Foods

Finalists

The Pennsylvania State University - Central Atlantic
Team: Madeline Harper*, Madeline Feeney, Heidi Mencl, Betty Raup, Joseph Melchiorre

The Ohio State University - Midwest
Team: Shreya Nuguri*, Samara Whitmore, Megan Chludzinski, Ankur Upadhyay, Thomas Reis, Elanor Shepard, Swetha Sarangarajan

Cornell University - North Atlantic
Team: Viral Shukla*, Shieana Xie, Aston Martin, Maria Shaposhnikov, Pedro Fernandez

University of Wisconsin-Madison - North Central
Team: Tori Budin*, Philip Eberly, Liam Petrie, Bea Sutton, Sanjana Sawant, Aly Farrar, Lauren Smith, David Marcon

Brigham Young University - Pacific Northwest
Team: Amy Pitts*, Jared Ward, Ryan Kim, Corynn Ellsworth, Eliza Wood

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona - Pacific Southwest
Team: Jeremie Javellana*, Alexander Mathios, Daniela Moore, Estrella Mandujano, Nancy Siridachanon, Jane Wangjaya, Camille A. Mccurry, Chun Choi

University of Arkansas - South Central
Team: Bernardo Pontes Guimaraes*, Andrew Maust, Chetanjot Romana, Cason Frisby, Amanda Stuber

University of Georgia - Southeast
Team: Sanket Vanare*, Johana Lilian John Muthiah, Anthony Suryamiharja, Elizabeth Ward, Asa Cotton Young, Reid Robertson

*Indicates team captain

Juan Pablo Arevalo
Competition Chair
Texas A&M University

April Huang
Competition Chair
Cornell University
Excellence in Leadership Award

This award recognizes two student members of the IFT, one undergraduate and one graduate student, who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in their execution of student activities that furthers the mission of IFT.

Graduate Recipient
Cyprian Syeunda
Texas A&M University

Undergraduate Recipient
Sebastián Andrés Garzón García
Universidad San Francisco de Quito

Chapter of the Year Award

This award honors one IFTSA Chapter for exemplifying IFTSA’s Vision and Mission and providing value to its members locally. This competition also honors an outstanding chapter in each of the following strategic promises: Prepare for the Future and Celebrate the Community.

Iradat Bisola Oladejo
Competition Chair
University of Calabar

Don’t Miss the IFTSA Student Expo Safaris!

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Vista Ballroom

Join IFTSA for one of five curated tours of the expo floor, each focusing on taking you through key points of interest related to the topic of your choice. Participants will follow a guided walking tour through the expo floor and end at the innovation lab, where each tour group will have a chance to take part in an immersive product development experience based on their newfound knowledge.
Shuttle Information

Complimentary shuttle service is provided between McCormick Place South Building and the official IFT FIRST hotels to all attendees.

Hours

Sunday, July 14, 2024: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (every 25-30 minutes)
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM (every 20-25 minutes)
Monday, July 15, 2024: 6:30 AM – 11:00 AM (every 20 minutes)
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (every 25-30 minutes)
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM (every 20 minutes)
Tuesday, July 16, 2024: 7:00 AM – 1:00 AM (every 20 minutes)
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (every 25-30 minutes)
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM (every 20 minutes)
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM*
Wednesday, July 17, 2024: 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM (every 20 minutes)
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (every 20 minutes)

*Shuttle departing after the IFTSA Student Closing Ceremony to Hyatt Regency Chicago

Join us in the IFTSA Student Lounge!

Sponsored by PepsiCo

Located in the Vista Ballroom in McCormick Place.

Hours

Sunday, July 14, 2024: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Monday, July 15, 2024: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, July 16, 2024: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, July 17, 2024: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM