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March Student Recognition and Awards Dinner

The Great Lake Section of IFT recently held their annual Student Recognition and Awards Dinner on Wednesday, March 30th, 2016 at the Kellogg Center located on the Michigan State University Campus.

The intent of the meeting was to celebrate the achievements of all of our food science student members within the section and to recognize those students who have excelled in particular aspects of their educational careers. All students that applied for scholarships were provided with a free dinner. We had 21 applications this year and, from those, four students were selected to receive five \$1000 scholarships. The list of winners is shown below:

Undergraduate Achievement Award: Joshua VanderWeide (MSU)

Clifford L. Bedford Memorial Scholarship: Julianna Joseph (MSU)

Master of Science Achievement Award: Haley Smolinski (MSU)

Diversity Scholarship: Miguel Rivas (Wayne State)

Great Lakes Section Active Member Scholarship: Joshua VanderWeide (MSU)

must be completed for every food item before it becomes a menu item on a space flight. We are grateful that Dr. Douglas was able to join as part of a joint collaboration with the MSU Food Science Department Trout Lecture series. For those who are interested, this presentation counted as 1 credit unit for CFS recertification.

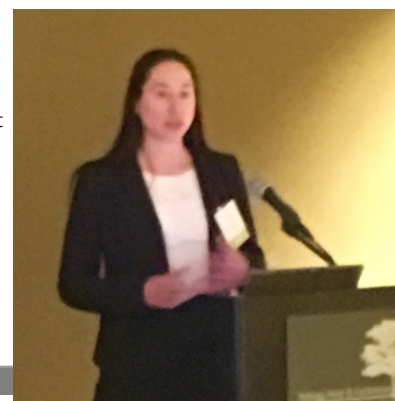
Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients and thank you to all of the members that support our students throughout the year through mentoring, job-shadowing, internships, product development competition coaching, teaching, etc.



From Left to Right: Julia Bradsher (GLSIFT Section Chair), Julianna Joseph, Miguel Rivas, Joshua VanderWeide, Andrea Kirk (Scholarship Committee Chair) and Haley Smolinski

Following a delicious meal, the meeting attendees were treated to a presentation by Dr. Grace Douglas, Lead Food Scientist for the NASA space program. She provided the group with an overview of the unique challenges faced by the NASA food product development team with regard to food microbiology, nutritional balance, product degradation and shelf life concerns, and the types of analyses which

Dr. Grace Douglas, NASA Lead Food Scientist and guest speaker.



2016 Supplier's Day



The 38th Great Lakes Section – IFT Suppliers Day event was held on Wednesday, April 20th at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, MI. Over 130 suppliers from all over the country showcased their ingredients, supplies and services to the nearly 170 attendees from the many food companies in Michigan and the surrounding area. The theme was golf related and the majority of the suppliers decorated their booths and dressed accordingly. Selected as booth best decorated for the theme this year was Givaudan who will receive a free booth next year. Runner up was Bremer Ingredients who will receive a free wine dinner for next year. Following the suppliers day exhibit hours was the annual wine dinner. Due to the closing of the long time venue Yarrow, the dinner was moved to Firekeepers Casino. The Casino did an outstanding job and served nearly 200 people a first class meal. Many thanks to the suppliers who donated prizes and supported the section with their registrations. This event is the major money maker for the section and makes possible many scholarships. Next year's event is already in the works for May 9th, 2017. The exhibits will be 2-6 p.m. at the Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek (it will be the 39th annual!). The wine dinner will be out at Firekeepers immediately afterwards. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Sue Riippa at sriippa@hwingredients.com



Upcoming Events:

- 32nd Annual Golf Scramble —July 26 2016

Join us in July at Binder Park Course.

Registration / continental breakfast = 7:30—8:45 AM

Golf Scramble = 9:00 AM Sharp

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Deadline to register is Monday July 18 2016

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Recognition of Outstanding Volunteers

The section would like to recognize the invaluable contributions provided by the following volunteers. Their time and efforts have contributed in making the section better through their passion and commitment.

Brittny Lynn Flues

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Call for Volunteers

Our Section is always looking for volunteers to provide many different services. Volunteers are needed this year to help with event planning, event photography, writing articles about recent meetings, Facebook updates, judging student scholarship applications, and more!

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