



Great Lakes Section
Institute of Food Technologists

Great Lakes IFT News

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Fall Great Lakes Section Events

Chelsea Milling Company Tour and Dinner Meeting

September 21, 2016 (Chelsea, MI)

A great time was had at the Chelsea Milling Company tour and dinner meeting, home of the famous “Jiffy” mix. The group learned about the history of the company and had a Q&A session with the President and CEO, Howdy Holmes. The attendees then went on a tour of the facility and had a meeting covering section business. The evening ended with a delicious dinner at the Common Grill in Chelsea, MI. Thanks to everyone who joined us!



Fenn Valley Winery Tour & Dinner Meeting

October 13, 2016 (Fennville, MI)



Great Lakes IFT went on a wonderful wine tour and tasting at Fenn Valley Winery. They learned how Michigan wine was made on the educational and entertaining tour. The tour group enjoyed wine tasting, cheese, and crackers.



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Fall Great Lakes Section Events

Kid's Food Basket GLS-IFT Community Service and Networking

October 19, 2016 (Grand Rapids, MI)

GLIFT is volunteered at Kid's Food Basket, a nonprofit dedicated to attacking childhood hunger. Their Sack Supper program provides nearly 7,500 kids each weekday in West Michigan with a nutritious evening meal to help young people learn and live well. The GLIFT team packed 1600 sack dinners in just over an hour. Incredible job, volunteers! Thank you to all that came out and volunteered! After packing meals, the group enjoyed appetizers and pizza at the hot new brew pub Harmony Brewing Company.



Upcoming Events

Holiday Celebration and Toys for Tots Drive

December 8, 2016 (Thursday)

6-9pm at Mangiamo (1033 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI)

Please join us to ring in the holidays with your Michigan food industry colleagues, catch up with old friends, network, enjoy the holiday ambience of a historic East Grand Rapids mansion and contribute toward an admirable cause.

Please bring new toy(s) to donate & support the "Toys for Tots" cause, and have the chance to get extra tickets to participate in the raffle to win GLSIFT and Sponsor donated prizes through out the night! The GLSIFT Celebration is an Appetizer Party with Cash Bar option, there will be plenty of food, so come with a big appetite!



Upcoming Events (2017)



January 10, 2017

Guest Speaker - National IFT Chair Elect Cindy Stewart

“Predictive Microbiology with Case Studies for use in Food Safety and Food Spoilage Applications”

5:30-8:30pm Bistro Bella Vita in Downtown Grand Rapids

February 7, 2017

R&D “Behind the Scenes” tour at Amway Headquarters in Ada, MI. Dinner to follow at River House Restaurant

5:30-8:30pm Amway HQ and River House Restaurant in Ada, MI

March (date TBD), 2017

Student Recognition Night and Guest Speaker

5:30-8:30pm East Lansing, MI



MSU Team Earns 2nd Place at the IFTSA M&M Mars FPD Competition

The Michigan State University Food Product Development student team finished second in a tough competition for this year’s IFTSA M&M Mars FPD Competition. The team was selected as one of six finalists invited to showcase their product at the annual conference in Chicago. It was a close competition, and MSU received praises for their creative presentations and technical problem solving skills. McGill University (Montreal) took first place (\$4,000) with Rephyll, a plant-powered veggie burger that looked and cooked like beef. MSU received second place (\$2,500) with YerBagel, an innovative frozen and microwaveable bagel stuffed with cream cheese and caffeinated with yerba mate tea extract and coffee fruit powder. Third place went to University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$1,000) with Qeen-Yos, a yogurt-covered quinoa cluster flavored with non-traditional spice combinations.



Top, left to right: Dr. Janice Harte (advisor), Kyler Ransom, Jared Whittredge, Joshua Vanderweide, Silas Bonczyk (leader), Javier Salas, Dr. Sungeun Cho (advisor)

Bottom, left to right: Elizabeth Brock, Shelby Cieslinski, Rebecca Mickow, Erin Hand

All team members were Food Science majors.

Executive Committee of Great Lakes Section IFT 2015—2016

Each Fall, the Section welcomes new officers and committee chairs. Many thanks to those who served the Section in 2015 and 2016, and to those looking forward to working with the Section in 2016 and 2017! Welcome to:

- **Scott Peterson, Chair**
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Call for Volunteers

Our Section is always looking for volunteers to participate in a variety of committees. Volunteers are needed this year in the following areas: Scholarship, Program, Education and Outreach, Communications.

If you are interested in getting involved, send us an email! Email: greatlakesift@gmail.com

Great Lakes IFT Awarded Section of Excellence for 2015-2016

We are pleased to announce that our section is being recognized as a 2015-2016 Section of Excellence. This recognition symbolizes the section's commitment to IFT, section members, and the food science and technology profession. The events held throughout the year, exemplary volunteers, dedication to students, and excellence in leadership demonstrate ongoing devotion to ensuring that the sections will flourish for years to come. In order to be recognized as a Section of Excellence or Section of Merit, the section must meet

or exceed several criteria. They include the following: the section Annual Report and Financial Report are submitted by the deadline, membership exhibits stability or growth, at least three meetings are held in the year, the section website/newsletter is up-to-date, and the section demonstrates their commitment to future generations of food scientists and their community.

