



Great Lakes Section
Institute of Food Technologists

Great Lakes IFT News

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Upcoming Events

33rd Annual IFT Golf Scramble

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

(The Medalist Golf Club, Marshall, MI)



This year’s golf outing will be held at The Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, MI. Registration and a continental breakfast are open from 7:30-8:45am. The Golf Scramble begins at 9am. Join us for a buffet dinner when the golfing has concluded. During dinner the event winners will be announced and we will draw for prizes. This is always a fun event and Great Lakes IFT would love to see you there!

Deadline for registration is Monday, July 17 or until full (max 36 foursomes). If you haven’t received the email invite, please contact us for more information at greatlakesift@gmail.com

Section of Excellence 2016-2017



We are pleased to announce that our section is being recognized as a 2016-2017 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.



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MSU Teams Make Finals in IFTSA Product Development Competitions



Michigan State University has TWO teams competing in IFT product development competitions this year. Both teams will present their products to judges in their respective competitions at the IFT Annual Meeting in Las Vegas this June. For the 27th Annual IFTSA & MARS Product Development Competition, the MSU team is among 6 finalists with their product “Bazza Bar”. In this competition, teams must create a new food product using feasible processing and marketing.

The MSU team for the Disney-IFTSA Product Development Competition is one of 5 finalists with their “Belle's Storybook Waffles” product. The team was tasked with developing a delicious and nutritious retail snack targeted at children 10 years and younger that meets the Disney Nutrition Guidelines.

Getting in to these competition finals is no easy feat. Congratulations to the students and good luck with the final presentations!

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39th Annual GLSIFT Suppliers Day and Wine Dinner

May 9, 2017 (Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek, MI)

It's everyone's favorite time of year—the annual Great Lakes Suppliers Day! This year's theme was “Keep Calm and Hula On”. Over 450 attendees enjoyed free admission, door prizes, and the great opportunity to connect with 148 exhibitors in one day.



Day-at-a-Glance

2:00 - 6:00 PM Suppliers' Expo

7:00 - 10:00 PM Wine Dinner

Wine Dinner

After the expo, attendees had a great time at the annual wine dinner at FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek, MI. Chef Michael McFarlen created an outstanding menu for this event and he and FireKeeper's sommelier shared their extensive wine knowledge for the evening's pairing of food and wine.

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February Monthly Meeting

February 7, 2017 (Amway Headquarters, Ada, MI)

On February 7, forty eight members and guests of the Great Lakes IFT attended to the Amway World Headquarters tour, and enjoyed Mediterranean dinner at Zeytin Turkish restaurant.

The Amway tour guides were very welcoming and full of contagious energy, they began with sharing the company history and at the same time walked us through their product displays, allowing us to appreciate their product diversity, and the high quality and care that is placed on making them.

After watching a short movie related to the origins of this impressive company, we proceeded to tour the Personal Care Liquids and Bottle Blow-Molding manufacturing site. Followed by touring the Cosmetics, the Analysis of ingredients, the Bioassays, and the Packaging Laboratories - where Amway Scientists tour guides explained the work that is done on each lab, and answered our questions.



The end of a great meeting was celebrated with a generous Mediterranean buffet at Zeytin, allowing the participants to network & enjoy a delicious meal.

Our Chair Scott Peterson shared the Chapter status & updates - Please review our website to keep up to date with our activities, and sign up to volunteer! We also have a Facebook page, make sure to check it out!

March Monthly Meeting

March 29, 2017 (Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing, MI)

Thank you to our GLSIFT members for the outstanding turnout on March 29th, 2017 in support of our student members and their fine accomplishments. We had 54 people in attendance at the Kellogg Conference Center on the MSU campus for our annual student recognition night!

Following a delicious meal and a brief section update, representatives from the MSU Food Science Club spoke about their many activities during the past year, including the fact that *(cont. on next page)*

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the two MSU product development teams which had submitted entries to the M&M Mars and Disney competitions had been selected for participation in the final round of competition at the national IFT meeting being held in Las Vegas later this year. The MSU team is no stranger to making the final round of competition, but this is the first year that both teams are going in the same year!



Attendees were then treated to an overview of the latest consumer food trends presented by guest speaker Dr. A. Elizabeth Sloan, consumer trends columnist for “Food Technology”, current president of Sloan Trends, Inc., past Editor-in-Chief of “McCall’s Magazine” and “Cereal Foods World”, and past Director of the “Good Housekeeping Institute”. Needless to say, Dr. Sloan provided the group with an enlightening overview of what consumers are currently seeking and what it appears they may be seeking in the years to come.

Finally, our section was proud to present 5 outstanding undergraduate and graduate students, representing the food science departments of both Michigan State University and Wayne State University, with six \$1000 scholarships, based upon a set of rigorous selection criteria. The honorees were as follows:

Ph.D. Achievement Scholarship--- Edward Szczygiel

Master of Science Achievement Scholarship—Elizabeth Brock

Great Lakes Section Active Student Member—Elizabeth Brock

Undergraduate Achievement Scholarship—Julianna Joseph

Clifford L Bedford Scholarship—Lauren Tamm

Great Lakes Section Diversity Scholarship--- Liyanage Nirasha Perera



Left to right: Scott Peterson (GLSIFT Chair), Liyanage Nirasha Perera, Elizabeth Brock, Lauren Tamm, Julianna Joseph, Edward Szczygiel



Interested in Volunteering?

Our Section is always looking for volunteers to participate in a variety of committees. Examples of volunteer committees are: Scholarship, Program, Education and Outreach, Communications.

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