



South Eastern Section
Institute of Food Technologists

SEIFT Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- **Sun-Wed, Jun 2-5th, 2019**
| [IFT Annual Conference and Food Expo](#)
Multiple Locations: Athens GA, Atlanta GA, Savannah GA, Huntsville AL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It has been an honor to serve the South Eastern Section of Institute of Food Technologists (SEIFT) as the President this year. The connections I made through this role have been very supportive towards both my professional and personal aspirations. In fact, I got an ideal platform to grow as a leader and an effective manager of people, time and resources.

Based on my rich experiences as a volunteer and a member of the SEIFT board, I would like to emphasize on the importance of volunteering and investing your time to serve the larger community of food technologists. Every organization like ours needs strong leaders to lead us with a commitment to serve the membership and the ultimate motto of our organization as a whole. SEIFT is a great platform for budding leaders and for seasoned professionals to utilize their leadership skills for the growth of our organization while nourishing the future of food science.

We have had several successful events this year (2018-19). In addition to all these events, we were successfully able to revamp our section's website and publish newsletters to keep the membership updated of our activities. Also, we have several corporate sponsors who were kind and generous to support our section events and activities both financially and otherwise.

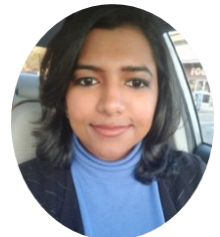
I would like to express my gratitude to our board members, sponsors, and all the volunteers who have made the events in 2018-19 a great

success. I am also pleased to share with you that our section is being recognized as a "Section of Excellence" this year. This recognition symbolizes the section's commitment to IFT, section members, and the food science and technology profession.



We look forward to continuing the momentum in 2019-20 as Dr. Kirk Kealey takes over the Presidentship. Please feel free to reach out to us if you are interested in getting involved with the section event planning and/or on the board.

"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever." — **Kofi Annan**



Tamanna Ramesh, MS, CFS
President/South Eastern IFT
Scientist /R&D
Kraft Heinz Ingredients

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CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

Let's welcome the newly elected members (2019-2020) on our South Eastern Section of IFT's board.

President-Elect



Beate Lloyd

CEO, Health Strategies & Food Solutions LLC

Directors-at-Large



Dr. Craig Llewellyn

Principal Toxicologist
Toxicology Regulatory Services



Shantrell Willis

Research Scientist
Alabama A&M University



Adelia Bovell-Benjamin,

Director-At-Large
PhD, CFS, Professor

Please congratulate our existing board member and Director-At-Large, **Adelia Bovell-Benjamin, PhD, CFS, Professor**, Tuskegee University who has been elected to serve on IFT's Board of Directors beginning **September 1, 2019**.

LIST OF OUTSTANDING SECTION VOLUNTEERS 2018-2019



TAMANA RAMESH



NIGEL CHIMBETETE



DR. FENG CHENG



SHANTRELL WILLIS



LIDA RAHIMI ARAGHI



SUSAN MUNGAI

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new members who joined IFT and our section between Jan to Mar 2019. We thank you for being a part of our section and look forward to meeting you in our upcoming events.



Deborah Abraham-Bethel

Susan Gurkin-Allis

Amanda Moller

Adedamola Adebayo

Alexander Hall

Asya Montgomery

Denisha Adewole

Shayna Hamidi

Jennifer Moore

Ahmad Alghonem

Yingshu He

Michael Muth

Monte Ammons

Justin Holsomback

Sagar Pasham

Mohammad Anwar Ul
Alam

Chienlo Ibeh

Yuri Pasion

Yakendra Bajgain

Dilhani Jayawardhana

Jerry Peterson

Khatija Begum

Nan Jiang

Himanshu Prabhakar

Deidre Blackwell

Gautam Joshi

Hunter Prater

Manan Borana

Lance Joyce

Kevin Reagin

Robert Elliot Bremer

Johnpaul Kagulire

Solandre Rypin

Lasheda Brooks

Mahnaz Kargar

Shruti Sharma

Richie Bruce

Jasmine Kataria

Lurdes Siberio-Wood

Sasha-Gaye Buckmaster

Samuel Kessler

Aftab Siddique

Ella Carter

Lingyan Kong

Kaylice Smith

Luke Dolan

Christiana Kwakye

Dil Thavarajah

Jennifer Mae Dorick

Alencia Lamb

Chi In Vong

Laurel Dunn

My Le

Sarah Warren

Kristy Ellenson

Adrienne Lownes

Vivian Yang

Gemijah Gillespie

Nicole Mobley

Edi Yapi

Yanqi Zhang



Interested in becoming a member of SEIFT? Please click on this link for more information:

<https://www.southeasternift.org/membership>

PAST EVENT BLURBS

SEIFT NEW YEAR KICK OFF PARTY 2019



Fri, Jan 18, 2019 - 06:00 PM to 08:30 PM

Atlanta GA, Athens GA, Savannah GA, Huntsville AL:

Since our members are widely spread geographically, our SEIFT section hosted a New Year Kick Off Party at multiple locations to encourage members. We had our board members as event hosts.

✦ **Atlanta:** The event was hosted by SEIFT board members, Susan Mungai (Secretary) and Nancy Rogers (Technical Sessions/Expo Chair 2019) with 9 attendees.

✦ **Athens:** The event was hosted by Daniel Parrish, Director-At-Large, SEIFT with 9 attendees, mostly graduate students from UGA.

✦ **Savannah:** The event was hosted by Gail Lange, Director at-Large, SEIFT with 5 attendees.

✦ Unfortunately, due to very low registration, this event was cancelled in Huntsville, AL location

.Check out the [Gallery](#) on our section website for more pictures!!!



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PAST EVENTS BLURB 2019

SEIFT FOOD INDUSTRY EXPO AND TECHNICAL SESSIONS 2019

Tue, Feb 5, 2019

We had an inciteful and successful event that included speaker technical sessions, New Professional Panel, display vendors and network evening event with supplier. Our speakers spoke on different industry topics.

For our New professional panel, each New Professional (NP) shared his/her background, student life, transitioning to current career path (industry/academics), what he/she likes about the current job, etc. This was followed by an open discussion for 20-30 minutes after the presentations. We had 85 vendors with exhibition displays. This was followed by a Reception at Murph's. Special thanks to our 2019 Reception sponsors: Parker Products; Weber Flavors; Caldic USA; DuPont Nutrition & Health; Comax Flavors

A list of vendors/ Food Expo and our technical sessions information can be found on our website and [HERE](#).

Thank you for all our student volunteers and everyone who contributed to make this event a success.



Check out the [Gallery](#) on our section website for more pictures!!!

WATCH OUT

FOR

SEIFT EXPO 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to our Speakers and Panelist Members:

Session I - 10:30 AM to 11:20 AM
"The Challenges of Developing a Food System for a Mars Mission"

Speaker: Dr. Michele Precook, President, IFT

Session II - 11:20 AM to 12:10 PM
"Forever Chocolate"

Speaker: Alex De Haydn, Director of Sales, West, Barry Callebaut

12:10 PM to 12:50 PM – Lunch Break (*on your own*)

Session III - Short Course on Plant Proteins
12:50 PM to 01:40 PM

"Plant Proteins: Moving to the Center of the Plate"
Speaker: Rody Hawkins, Ph.D., President & CEO, Improved Nature, LLC.

01:40 PM to 02:30 PM
"Positioning Plant Proteins to Perform"
Speaker: Cian E Leahy CRC, CCS, Chef, Kerry Food Service

Session IV SEIFT New Professionals Forum for Students
02:30 PM – 04:00 PM

"Successful Transition from Student to a New Professional in Academia and Industry"

Panelists

Ariana Frangos

Customer Development Manager, Caldic USA Inc.

Susan Mungai

Dispensed Beverage Governance Manager, The Coca Cola Co.

Tamanna Ramesh

Food Scientist, Nutritional Resources, Inc.

Dr. Emeffa Monu

Assistant Professor, Auburn University

Dr. Shantrell Willis

Research Scientist, Alabama A&M University

Elsina Hagan

Adjunct Faculty, Life University

Spencer Sackett

Commercial Coordinator, Americas, CP Kelco

Andi Thornbury

Careersinfood.com



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PAST EVENTS BLURB 2019

SPRING MEETING

AND STUDENT RECOGNITION EVENT 2019

Thu, Apr 11th, 2019 - 12:30 PM to 07:00 PM

Clemson University, SC

Special thanks to Dr. Feng Chen and all the other Clemson University volunteers for hosting, Thomas G. Foley, CAE, VP, Membership & Customer Development, IFT and the technical Speaker, Emily Wagener for her talk on "Coloring Plant-Based Foods: Enhancing the Appearance of New Meat Alternative Products Emerging in the Marketplace"

With about 75 participants, we thoroughly enjoyed the event and the tour of the Sonoco Institute for Smart Packaging Design and Graphics, and the Miracle Packaging Laboratory

Student Leadership Awardees (Graduate - \$1000; Undergraduate - \$500)

Alabama A&M University

Rajwinder Kaur (Graduate)

Askia Rasul Dozier-Muhammad (Undergraduate)

University of Georgia

Samuel Cimowsky (Graduate)

Sarah Bock (Undergraduate)

Clemson University

Kelly Polte (Undergraduate)

Samantha Falkowski (Undergraduate)

Auburn University

Lindsey Strock (Undergraduate)

Cierra James (Undergraduate)

Tuskegee University

Peyton Greenwood (Undergraduate)

Kalice Smith (Undergraduate)

POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS 2019

Graduate Poster Competition

(1st Place - \$200; 2nd Place - \$100; 3rd Place - \$50)

1st - Rajwinder Kaur - Alabama A&M University

2nd - Julian Jones & Keniya Davis-Tuskegee University

3rd - Sanjog Sidhu & Adrienne Johnson - Alabama A&M

Undergraduate Poster Competition

(1st Place - \$200; 2nd Place - \$100; 3rd Place - \$50)

1st - Askia Dozier Muhammad - Alabama A&M University

2nd - Amber Martinez & Ashley Garwatoski - Clemson

3rd - Cydney Jackson - Alabama A&M University

STUDENT PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION

Theme: **Plant Proteins at the Center of the Plate**

STUDENT PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION

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1st Place—Eggplant Nibblers - Alabama A&M University (Cydney Jackson, Alton chambers, Keundra Golden, Mallori Odum, Zaquavis Willis)

2nd Place - Bowtots - Tuskegee University (Lauren Odum, Peyton Greenwood, Asmera Smith, Tracee Hatcher)

3rd Place - Mac Attack - Clemson University (Manan Borana, Kelsi Berkebile, Andrew Rast and Xuanchen Liu)

(1st Place - \$1000; 2nd Place - \$750; 3rd Place - \$500)



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CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

South Eastern IFT invites you to become a corporate sponsor for our section's upcoming events in 2019-2020 and support the larger community of food professionals in your local region. By helping to underwrite the activities of our regional IFT section as a sponsor, your company will be supporting one of the largest sections of IFT with 520+ food professionals from industry and academia including student members who will be provided with several opportunities to learn and grow by participating in our section activities.

Our sponsors will be listed on our section website, our event invites and promotions. The contribution from sponsors will be acknowledged during the event(s). Your generous contribution would primarily support our student members to participate in the section events for free and any surplus funds would be used to provide subsidized price for professional members. We anticipate such financial support to increase member engagement and eventually make our events more successful.

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Sponsorship categories:

Platinum - \$750 or above

Gold - \$500 to \$749

Silver - \$250 to \$499

2018-2019 CORPORATE SPONSORS

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

JUNE 2-5, 2019

ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER

Mark your calendar!

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NEW ORLEANS, LA

REGISTER NOW!

[https://www.iftevent.org/register/
registration](https://www.iftevent.org/register/registration)



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FEED YOUR SCIENCE!

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