Students are considered the future of food science and technology and the future leaders of IFT, and many activities at the IFT Annual Meeting & Food Expo focus on students, including various competitions. Descriptions of the competitions are available via the IFT Web site at www.ift.org/iftsa/competitions. This year’s competition winners were announced at the Phi Tau Sigma Honorary Society Breakfast during the IFT Annual Meeting. Here are the winners.

Undergraduate Research Paper Competition
Sponsored by the IFT Student Association and Phi Tau Sigma. 1st place, Sarah Woodling; 2nd place, Stephenie Drake; 3rd place, Joy Waite.

Graduate Paper Competition
Sponsored by the IFT Student Association, Phi Tau Sigma, and the Procter & Gamble Co. 1st place, Todd Katz, North Carolina State U.; 2nd place, P.S. Marie Yeung, Cornell U.; 3rd place, Elly Soeryapranata, Washington State U. Shown from left are Yeung, Juan Silva (Phi Tau Sigma representative), Matthew Finney, U. of Arkansas, and Balasubrahmanya Kottapalli, North Dakota State U. (honorable mentions), Vidya Sridhar (competition chair), and Jeffrey Kester (P&G representative).

Biotechnology Division Poster Competition
1st Place, Jill Kristine Branen, U. of Illinois; 2nd Place, Dhiraj A. Vattem, U. of Massachusetts. Shown from right are Richard Basel (competition chair), Branen, and Vattem.

Carbohydrate Division Competition
1st place: Linda C. Pravinata, Rutgers U.

Manfred Kroger Dairy Foods Division Competition
1st place, Kyle D. Kent, Ohio State U.; 2nd place, Lauren Franssen, U. of California-Davis; 3rd place, Denise V. Aminot-Gilchrist, U. of Manitoba. Shown from left are Franssen, Aminot-Gilchrist, Federico Harte (honorable mention), and Lisbeth Goddik (competition chair).

Food Chemistry Division Competition
1st place, Suzanne Frison-Norrie, U. of Alberta; 2nd place, Lacey McKlem, North Carolina State U.; 3rd place, Jeffrey Boff, Ohio State U. Shown from left are Frison-Norrie, McKlem, Yan Jiang and Mariana Diaz (honorable mention), and Jeffrey N. Morgan (competition chair).
Food Engineering Division Competition
1st place, Jifeng Zhang, Cornell U.; 2nd place, Raffaella Saggin, Penn State U. Shown from left are Zhang, Saggin, and Kumar Mallikarjunan (competition chair).

John C. Ayres Food Microbiology Division Poster Competition
1st place, Xin Li, Texas A&M U.; 2nd place, Silvia Stan, Oregon State U.; 3rd place, Woo-Suk Bang, North Carolina State U.

Z. John Ordal Food Microbiology Division Oral Competition
1st place, P.S. Marie Yeung, Cornell U.; 2nd place, Jeffrey Boland, U. of Tennessee; 3rd place, Hyun Gyun Yuk, Mississippi State U.

Food Packaging Division Poster Competition

Fruit & Vegetable Products Division Poster Competition

Muscle Foods Division Competition
1st place, Jiali Tang, U. of Connecticut; 2nd place, Rahul Gangidi, U. of Arkansas; 3rd place, Brian Connolly, U. of Massachusetts. Shown from left are Tang, Connolly, Rahul Reddy Gangidi (honorable mention), and Lauren Sammel (competition chair).

Mark L. Bieber Nutrition Division Competition
1st place, Magaly Martinez-Ferrer, Alabama A&M; 2nd place, Theobald C.E. Mosha, Michigan State U.; 3rd place, Y.C. Zhang, Ohio State U.

Product Development Division Poster Competition
1st place, Patrick V. Veillard, Rutgers U.; 2nd place, Christine A. Chu, U. of Georgia; 3rd place, Giselle A. Maurer, Purdue U. Shown from left are Chu and Yao-wen Huang (division representative).

Refrigerated & Frozen Foods Division Graduate Fellowship Competition
Shown from left are Waraporn Boonsupthip (World Food Logistics Organization fellowship winner) and Juan Silva (competition chair).

Seafood Technology Division Competition
1st place, Sage Chaiyapechara, U. of Washington; 2nd place (tie), Kan dasamy Nadarajah, Louisiana State U., and Patricia A. Carvajal, North Carolina State U. Each finalist also received a Sea Grant Travel Award. Shown from left are Carvajal, Chaiyapechara, and Marleen Wekell (competition chair).

Rose Marie Pangborn Sensory Evaluation Division Competition

Toxicology and Safety Evaluation Division Competition
1st Place (tie): Joanne A. Lasrado, Purdue U., and Orane A. Blake, U. of West Indies. Shown from left are Blake and Julie Nordlee (competition chair).

College Bowl Competition
Sponsored by the IFT Student Association and General Mills, Inc. 1st place, U. of Minnesota; 2nd place, North Carolina State U. Shown from left are Alyssa Overson (U. of Minnesota representative), Lacey McKlem (North Carolina State U. representative), and Hannah Osborn (competition chair).

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IFT Student Association Product Development Competition
Sponsored by M&M/Mars, Mars Inc. 1st place, North Carolina State U.; 2nd place, Michigan State U.; 3rd place, Purdue U. Shown from left are Mary Carunchia Whetstine (North Carolina State U. team representative) and Laura Lebak (competition chair).

Student Chapter of the Year Competition
Sponsored by General Mills, Inc. 1st place, North Carolina State U.; 2nd place, Rutgers U.; 3rd place, U. of Georgia.

Most Improved Student Chapter Competition
Sponsored by General Mills, Inc. Winner, U. of Georgia.

IFT Student Association Achievement Award Winners

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