

**Minnesota Section IFT 2016-2017
Scholarship & Travel Award Winners**

Elwood F. Caldwell Scholarship Award for Volunteer Service - \$2,250

Gabriela Swamy - SDSU

Undergraduate Scholarship Winners - \$1,000

Jenny Hayek - UMN

Annie Bajwa - NDSU

Lillie Kuss - UW-Stout

Graduate Scholarship Winners - MS \$1000

Alexandra Kuechel - UMN

Lauren Wisdorf - UMN

Devendra Paudel – SDSU

Claire Boyle – UMN

Graduate Scholarship Winners - Ph.D. \$1000

Poonam Singha - SDSU

Chelsey Hinenkamp – UMN

Geoff Dubrow – UMN

Divek Nair – UMN

Justin Carlson – UMN

Travel Award Winners - \$500

Alexandra Kuechel – UMN

Chelsey Hinenkamp – UMN

Divek Nair – UMN

Lauren Wisdorf – UMN

Claire Boyle – UMN

Jenny Hayek – UMN

Amy Mathiowetz – UMN

Alexandra Cummins – UMN



Minnesota Section
Institute of Food Technologists

Presents
Student Recognition Night

April 10, 2017
University of Minnesota
Continuing Education and Conference Center

MN IFT 2016 – 2017 Scholarship Committee

Wayne Scheck - Target, Committee Chair

Lori R. Kjos – General Mills, Past Chair

Bingcan Chen. – NDSU

Padmanaban Krishnan – SDSU

Beth Ann Nylander – Bellisio Foods, Inc.

Minnesota Academy of Science

The Minnesota Academy of Science (MAS) State Fair is an annual event that showcases Minnesota's best and brightest students in the field of science. It is the culmination of regional Minnesota Fairs occurring throughout the winter. Participants in the MAS State Fair are in Junior or Senior High. Senior High students participate in the project competition; Junior High students may participate with a project research paper or both. MN IFT has been sponsoring awards to winning projects in the field of Food Science to promote Food Science as a career option. Two \$500 and two \$250 awards were given to the first and second place winners in the Junior and Senior High categories.

Minnesota Academy of Sciences State Competition Award Winners

Middle School

First Place

Alex Iliarski and Ishan Nadkarni, Eden Prairie Breck School
Project Title: Testing the Noses: Natural or Artificial Smells

Second Place

Hannah Rehrauer, Coon Rapids Northdale Middle School
Project Title: Over 700 bacterial colonies on What?!

High School

First Place

Eemmarah Qureshi, Blaine Al-Amal School
Beta-carotene: the natural and effective way of getting Vitamin A

Second Place:

Preethi Kaliappan, Rochester, John Marshall High School
Bioplastics: Determining the most effective starch-based bioplastic that can be used as an alternative to the current conventional petroleum-based plastic

ΦΤΣ

Phi Tau Sigma

Phi Tau Sigma, The Honor Society of Food Science and Technology, was founded in 1953 with the mission to raise the stature and recognize scholarly achievements in Food Science and Technology. There are 41 Chapters (primarily at educational institutions) in the U.S., Mexico and China. These are formed to better serve the members at the local level. Members are elected as students or later as professionals in recognition of their achievements. Benefits of membership include recognition, opportunities for leadership, networking opportunities to connect with other professionals, scholarships, and awards. The process to become a member is one of nomination and review.

The 2017 University of Minnesota Chapter of Phi Tau Sigma inductees are:

Ariel Garsow

Alexandra Kuechel

Morrine Omolo

Igor Sepelevs

Xin Liu

Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan

Minnesota Section of the Institute of Food Technologists Scholarship University of Minnesota Endowment

Started in 2013, the Purpose of the fund is to provide financial support for food science students at the University of Minnesota as well as to support future members through scholarships and fellowships

Alexandra Kuechel - \$5,000