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## Upcoming Events:

- **VOLUNTEER INFO SESSION | January 15, 2020**  
Raised Grain Brewery  
Waukesha, WI
- **AACT & WIFT CONFECTIONERY COMPETITION | February 13, 2020**  
Silver Spring Golf & Banquet Center  
Menomonee Falls, WI

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Section of Merit 2018-2019

As you're reading this message we will have just come through the Thanksgiving season, and I want to continue that spirit a little longer by expressing my gratitude to all the people who have supported and helped to grow this IFT section.

First, I'd like to thank our President-Elect, Isaac Baek, who has taken the initiative to put this newsletter together. This will give us an additional opportunity to communicate with you, our members, about our events and about the ways in which this section can create connections, educate, and support our industry in the state of Wisconsin.

Like this newsletter, everything this section does is due to the efforts of a long line of volunteers and members going all the way back to when we received our charter in 1956. The volunteers who have chosen to give their time and energy over these years have created what we have now – a section with a yearly program that has raised over \$100,000 for student scholarships (and more this year!), that has educated our members on pressing topics in our industry, and that has created invaluable professional networks and friendships. And none of that could have been possible without members attending our events or sponsorship by the companies they work for.

This section doesn't run without the efforts of volunteers and I'd like to encourage you to get involved. Every year we need volunteers to commit to spending a one to three year term on our board. These positions have the responsibility of governing the section. General duties will include planning our event program, determining how much money we will dedicate to scholarships, and general decision making on behalf of the section. And specific roles will have additional responsibilities to support the operation of the board and the section.

In addition to these types of positions, it is one of my goals to increase opportunities for involvement beyond serving on the board. One thing that I've heard over my time on the section board is that some of you want an opportunity to be involved but aren't quite ready or don't have the time to commit to being a board member. As a first step, we'll be looking to fill some of the positions on our committees that have traditionally been filled by board members with people who are not currently serving on the board. And we will be dedicating time during our next board meeting to think of even more ways that people can get involved, so look forward to more announcements in upcoming section meetings and newsletters.

If you have any ideas or want to get involved, I encourage you to reach out. Feel free to speak to any one of us at a section meeting or email me at [president@wisconsinift.org](mailto:president@wisconsinift.org). And finally a big thank you for supporting the Wisconsin IFT!

Regards,

*Nick Gauger*

Nick Gauger  
President



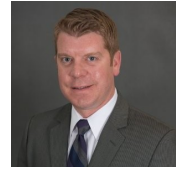
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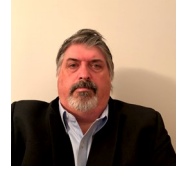
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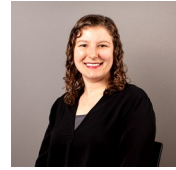
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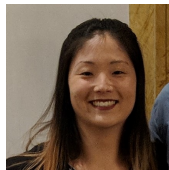
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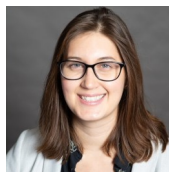
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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - SKYLER KONTIO

Hey there! My name is Skyler Kontio, an Applications Specialist at First Choice Ingredients. I graduated from Southwest MN State University with a B.S. in Culinology. My background consists of applications work, retail bakery, and various hospitality opportunities with a little QC thrown in there.

Although I was previously involved with some IFT and RCA events as a student, volunteering with WIFT has offered opportunities to meet new professionals and expand my network in a more casual, intimate setting. I have been able to learn more about the different sized companies and how their operations differ. There are many opportunities that our broad industry provides, and I cannot wait to learn even more, while making a few great relationships along the way.

Not only have I met some great people, but those same people have introduced me to other associations and trade shows that offer new and exciting information relevant to my current position, all of which I never would have known existed had I not volunteered with WIFT.

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If you're still new to the industry my advice is to start chatting with different professionals and volunteer where you can. Not only will you get to hear their stories, but you may find out what path you want to pursue yourself.



# 14TH ANNUAL WIFT GOLF OUTING

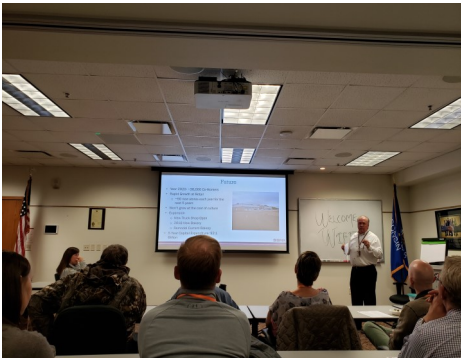
Wisconsin IFT held its 14th Annual Golf Outing on September 17, 2019 at the beautiful Western Lakes Golf Club in Pewaukee, WI. WIFT holds this event every year to raise money for student scholarships awarded to deserving graduate and undergraduate students in the field of food science and related programs in the state of Wisconsin.

This year we had 18 teams tee up on this perfect fall day. Thank you to all of our sponsors, golfers, and volunteers for making this event possible! Thank you to Abigail Pekar of First Choice Ingredients for the beautiful photos! Please reference page 4 for a full list of our sponsors.



## Kwik Trip Tour

Kwik Trip hosted WIFT on October 15, 2019 for a tour of its dairy production facility in La Crosse, WI. The Kwik Trip team put together a great tour for the 50 attendees followed by a talk by Dr. Jay Ellingson, Corporate Director of Food Safety and Quality Assurance, as the group learned about the company's history, culture, and values. The group finished the night off with a delicious dinner at the Freighthouse Restaurant. Thank you to the Kwik Trip team for hosting WIFT and to WIFT Director-at-Large Jake Parr for coordinating this wonderful event!



**Dr. Jay L. E. Ellingson speaking to the WIFT group.**

# 2019 14TH ANNUAL WIFT GOLF OUTING SPONSORS

## Gold Sponsors



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## Hole – In- One Sponsors



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## Hole Sponsors





## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

### Are you interested in being more involved with the food science community?

We invite you to volunteer with WIFT! A wide range of volunteer opportunities exist, from serving as a board member to volunteering for a committee. Volunteering with IFT is a great way to learn, make connections, collaborate, and share your knowledge with a global community of people who are passionate about the science of food. Please reference the Volunteer Spotlight section on page 2 to learn how volunteering has had a positive impact for WIFT Treasurer Skyler Kontio!

#### Open Board Member positions for 2020

- ◆ President-Elect - 3-year commitment to serve as President-Elect, President, and Past-President
- ◆ Secretary - 1-year commitment
- ◆ Director-at-Large - 2-year commitment
- ◆ Director-at-Large - 2-year commitment

Additional volunteer opportunities will be communicated in January 2020. Please contact WIFT if you have an interest in volunteering!



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

### VOLUNTEER INFO SESSION

January 15, 2020  
Raised Grain Brewery  
Waukesha, WI

Please join us for a fun networking event at the Raised Grain Brewery and learn about volunteer opportunities with WIFT! The event will include a dinner plus an option for a tour. Stay tuned for additional details!

### CONFECTIONERY COMPETITION

February 13, 2020  
Silver Spring Golf & Banquet Center  
Menomonee Falls, WI



Members of the Milwaukee AACT, WIFT, and Chicago AACT organizations are invited to participate in a Confectionery Competition! Teams may submit a confection exemplifying their interpretation of "Botanical Confections". Submissions are due by December 31st. Please reference page 6 for additional information.

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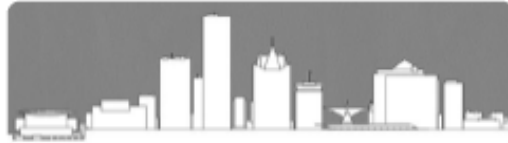
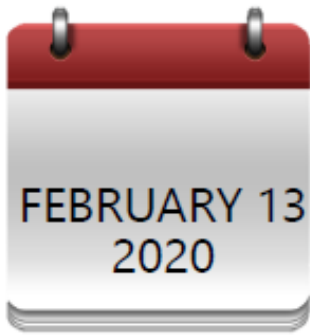
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# Milwaukee AACT

## February Meeting Botanical Confections

Members of the **Milwaukee AACT, WIFT, & Chicago AACT** organizations are invited to participate in a Confectionery Competition! Teams may submit a confection exemplifying their interpretation of "Botanical Confections"

Hibiscus, lavender, rose, and more, nature provides us with some of the most delightful flavor options. These flavors have been growing in popularity in the past few years and are expected to continue on trend. So this year we invite you to take your inspiration and ingredients from nature!

The judging will be done through a blind taste test by all attendees. A brief description submitted by each team will be read by the head judge while tasting. **Each attendee will be given a score sheet to evaluate incorporation of theme/creativity, flavor, & execution.** Winner will be determined by a tally of numerical scores.

### Submission Requirements:

- Team name, team members, and any organizational affiliations must be included with a brief description of the confection and how it incorporates the botanical theme.
- **Only 1 submission is allowed per company**
- Independent teams are also welcome
- If too many submissions are made, we may need to do an elimination based on concept and/or time of submission.

### Meeting Logistics:

- Each team must prepare confections for all attendees (approx. 80 pieces)
- Final count will be given 1 week prior to meeting.
- Team or team representative must come ½ hour before start to plate
- Each confection will be plated by number of people at each table (typically 8-10)
- Plates will be provided

**SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**

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