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President's Message

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Wisconsin section of the Institute of Food Technologists newsletter of 2023. My name is Kara Mikkelson, and I am currently the Food Safety Program Manager at Hydrite in Brookfield, WI. I am in my second year as President of WIFT. It has been a great learning experience and I look forward to many exciting events to come in 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to outline a few events that were held in 2022 and will be held in 2023. We kicked off the 2022 with a tour of Lakefront Brewery in Milwaukee, WI. Although COVID-19 and blustery weather put a bit of a damper on the event, we had a decent turnout where everyone enjoyed an excellent tour, dinner, and networking. We are looking forward to having more events like this in 2023!

After a two-year hiatus, we were once again able to celebrate our Student Night in person at the UW Madison Memorial Union. We got to hear the amazing journey of UW Madison alumni Dr. Maya Warren. She is an ice cream expert and the winner of the 25th season of the Amazing Race. She walked us through the ins and outs of ice cream and that barbecue ice cream is probably not the best choice of flavor. We were able to award \$8000 in scholarships to many deserving students in food science related majors. Check out the impressive students in this newsletter. **Save the date for April 13, 2023**, for our 2023 student night at UW Madison Memorial Union. We will be having a panel of professionals in food to talk about their career journeys and answer questions and the students will be having their annual silent auction. It is guaranteed to be a do not miss event!

We were able to hold our 2022 WIFT golf outing at the Western Lakes Golf Club in Pewaukee, WI on Tuesday, September 20. A thunderstorm could not deter the event and although we had a bit of a pause, we were able to complete the round. Through your support, we were able to raise over \$15,000 for our student scholarships! We are planning our 2023 golf outing for Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at Western Lakes Golf Club. Mark your calendar!

Finally, we are currently looking for a President to join our board for the 2023-2024 year. Anyone looking for an amazing time with amazing people would be the perfect fit. I know people are hesitant to volunteer, but I assure you it will be a role you will never regret. Finally, a big thank you for continuing to support the Wisconsin IFT.



Best Regards
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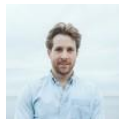


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2022 WIFT Scholarship Winners

Each year WIFT host Student Night to award and support Wisconsin-based student in food science and related fields. We had a fun filled night of celebration this year and we are thrilled for the opportunity to continue supporting our hard-working students through the scholarship program. Please congratulate our WIFT 2022 scholarship winners.

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Upcoming Events 2023

As we look ahead to 2023, we are looking to safely plan industry events as a chance to network with industry colleagues, expand our knowledge in the food technology industry and raise money to support WIFT scholarships. Below are the events we have planned so far. To stay up to date on additional event details, follow our social channels and emails for further communication.



Student Night

Thursday April 13, 2023
UW Madison Memorial Union



WIFT Annual Golf Outing

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Western Lakes Golf Club
westernlakes.com



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Sponsor Appreciation

Thank you to all of our sponsors for the 2022 WIFT Golf Outing! We appreciate your support of our scholarship and look forward to another golf outing next September!

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