



Department of Food Science and Technology

FST News - Autumn '08

Chair's Message

Greetings from Ohio State University! Another academic year is off to a good start. We have 125 undergraduate majors, including 18 new freshman, and 74 graduate students in our programs. Students across campus are learning more about food science. Last year, over 900 students enrolled in distance and face-to-face versions of FD SC&TE 201 "Science of Food." New courses in Chocolate Science (first offered spring 2007), Brewing Science (scheduled for winter 2009) and Culinary Aspects of Food Science (planned for spring 2009) are attracting additional interest from a wide range of students. Our students are participating in a variety of interesting internships and are coming back to campus with a renewed enthusiasm for food science and a better appreciation of career options. If you would like to host an intern, or if you have any questions about our programs, please contact me at smith.5732@osu.edu or 614-688-3713.

Regards, Denise Smith



Welcome Dr. Jiyoung Lee!

Dr. Jiyoung Lee, Assistant Professor, joined the Department of Food Science and Technology on September 1, 2008. Dr. Lee was hired through the Targeted Investment in Excellence Public Health Preparedness Initiative and has a joint appointment in FST (30%) and Environmental Health Sciences (70%) in the College of Public Health. Her research is in the area of environmental microbiology. Dr. Lee comes from Ann Arbor, Michigan where she worked for a biotechnology company developing rapid molecular techniques to detect pathogens in food and water.

FST External Advisory Board Members

The department wishes to acknowledge the valuable contributions of our advisory board:

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Spring Graduates:

B.S. Food Science– Megan Hoffer, Nancy Timms, Lisa Tran, Ashley Weatherington, Ronald Wilder, Sandra Zurbrugg
B.S. Food Business Management– Thomas Dill, Kyle Powell, Niharika Thakwani
M.S.– Jennifer Balitsis, Timothy Chapman, Sherrill Cropper, Angela Eliardi, Cecilia Shiroma, Xueying Zhang
Ph.D.– Ahmad Allafi

Summer Graduates:

B.S.– Steven Luc, Jessica Shapiro, Adam Broughton, Kumala Marthina, Jenny Wu
M.S.– Hanna Cortado, Aldo Handojo, Daniel Kinkelaar, Thais DeNardo, Nuryati Pangestu
Ph.D.– Ramesh Reddy Yettella, Mary Kay Folk

Student Awards

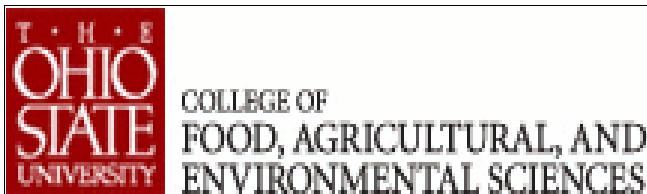
Graduate Student Awards:

Anand Subramanian (Ph.D. student)- OSU Presidential Fellowship, V. Duane Rath Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and IFT Graduate Scholarship
Taylor Wallace (Ph.D. student)- IFT Campbell's Excellence in Leadership Award
Mustafa Vurma (Ph.D. student)- 3rd Place, IFT Graduate Research Paper Competition
Yoon-Hee Lee (Ph.D. student)- FST 07-08 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
Ramesh Reddy Yettella (Ph.D. student)- The Ohio State University Graduate School Edward Ray Award for Scholarship and Service

Ruth Lucius (M.S. student)- OV-IFT John Litchfield Graduate Fellowship
Gerald Sigua (M.S. student)- 3rd place, IFT Food Packaging Division Graduate Student Poster Competition
07-08 FST Teaching Award of Merit- Dante Vargas, Angela Eliardi, Daniel Rubio-Diaz, Aldo Handojo

Undergraduate Student Awards:

Deborah Van Camp– 2nd place, OSU Denman Undergraduate Research Forum
Tessa Bowman, Jenny Wu– 2008 OV-IFT Undergraduate Scholarship
Sandra Zurbrugg– 3rd place, CFAES Undergraduate Research Forum



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Food Science Club Upcoming Events

As we enter a new school year, the Food Science Club is back in full swing. The new officers, elected in May, consist of: President Sarrah Hassel, Vice President Lynn Wischmeyer, Secretary Fer Polit, Treasurer Michael Sharp, Industry Representative Sarah Herringshaw, and IFT Liason Taylor Wallace.

The Food Science Club once again scooped ice cream at the Farm Science Review, September 16-18. Although the wind gusts caused some pre-review chaos, everything melted smoothly. A few days later, the club entertained a booth at the Annual OSU Involvement Fair spreading our love and excitement for Food Science. The underclassmen were welcomed in a luncheon the day before classes began. In the first meeting, we had a great turn out accompanied by a BBQ. For November, we are planning to have a mitten tree to collect hats, gloves and scarves for the less fortunate. We will also be doing a high ropes obstacle course, a Halloween party and a Thanksgiving lunch. Industry speakers from General Mills, Heinz, and Nestle will be visiting us and holding interviews for internships and job opportunities. The Club is looking forward to a fun and tasty quarter! See you at the next meeting on November 12th!!



Some foodies during the farm science review ice cream sale.



Foodies during the Student Involvement Fair



High ropes course, picture taken during last year's trip.

Food Industry Center Short Courses

Friday, November 14, 2008. 8 am - 4 pm: "The Small Business Course for Food Entrepreneurs." This is a one day course designed for new food entrepreneurs and for those who want to know if they have what it takes to "grow their idea into a profitable business". We are partnering with the Small Business Development Centers.

February 17-18, 2009: Advanced CIP, Cleaning and Sanitation for Food and Dairy Industries.

March 23-26, 2009: Better Process Control School.

June 15-18, 2009: Better Process Control School in Spanish.

Registration information can be found at <http://foodindustries.osu.edu/courses-and-training/>

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Thank you for supporting the Department of Food Science and Technology. Gifts like yours help us to continue important work toward advances in food science, food business management, emerging food technologies, functional foods for health and food safety. Your gift benefits the students and faculty of the department and eases the financial burden we face as we attempt to offer our students the best possible education and research experiences.

Giving options are numerous; if you would like to learn more about giving, please visit giveto.osu.edu or contact Julie Townsend for specific information on FST fund options at townsend.57@osu.edu. The Food Science and Technology Gift Fund (308999) is used to provide support for department programs of greatest need.

Again, thank you for your support, and GO BUCKS!