

## Presidents Message

Hello San Joaquin IFT members!

We have started March with a much-needed rain fall. Although we've had several days of showers we continue to pray for more. We as a food industry cannot forget that a lack of water will lead to changes. Whether it be what commodity is produced, how the water is used, or innovative ideas for processing. The world is ever changing and we as a food industry need to spearhead that change with positive values, ingenuity, and safety.

It was great seeing those of you that could make it to our last event. A big thank you Bill Bayliss, Jeff Dahl, Libbi Lantis, and Tyler Davis for a tour of the JBT facility. We had a great turnout and unfortunately had to close registration due to a limited amount of tour attendees and dinner seating. We hope to see more of you at our upcoming events. Student Recognition Night will be taking place on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Old Spaghetti Factory. Our scholarship committee is excited to award up to 5 selected students a \$1000.00 scholarship from the money that was raised during the 2017 golf tournament. We will also be honoring two of the Fresno State professors. Keep an eye out for our sign-up email as there will likely be limited seating.

Each year we have open seats on the SJIFT Board of Directors. For 2018/2019 our opening positions include: President Elect, Secretary, and Member-at-large. We will also have open committees including: Events, Audit, Scholarship, Nominations, and Golf. This is a great way to get involved and to get to know others in the industry. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact [sanjoaquinift@gmail.com](mailto:sanjoaquinift@gmail.com).

-Brittney Cemo

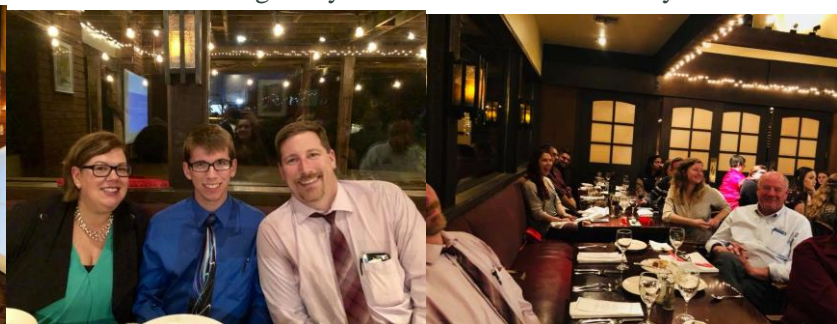
2017/2018 SJIFT President

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## Recent Events

### Winter Tour and Dinner

The SJIFT Winter Event had a turn out of about 60 people, 17 of which were students. The tour of the JBT facility in Madera was an enjoyable and educational experience. After the tour we met back over at the Vineyard Restaurant to have dinner and listen to the guest speaker, Ramesh Gunawardena from JBT, give a presentation on the pasteurization of low moisture foods. The event was a great opportunity to network and talk with students about the industry. Overall, the Winter Event was a success and a big thank you to JBT for letting us tour their facility. As well as a big thank you to Ramesh for coming out and speaking. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next event. -Kady Francone



### Barrelhouse Brewery New Professionals

The Barrel House Brewery is known for great music, lively shows and great beer. Even though the weather wasn't ideal, we enjoyed some fantastic BBQ from the Brotha BBQ Food Truck and enjoyed some rocking music from 82 Deluxe. Thank you to everyone who came out to meet up and socialize at a great venue. – Nicole Miranda

## Upcoming Events

### Student Recognition Night

Join us April 12<sup>th</sup> at Old Spaghetti Factory to celebrate the achievements of the 2018 SJIFT Scholarship Winners

[Register to attend here](#)

### Golf tournament

Annual Scholarship Golf Classic will be taking place at the Copper River Country Club on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. Visit [www.SJIFTGOLF.com](http://www.SJIFTGOLF.com) for more information!



## Meet a Member!

This quarter, we interviewed Kelli Williamson, a M.S. Student at California State University, Fresno who will be graduating in May of 2018 with an M.S. in Food and Nutritional Sciences with an emphasis in food safety. She is originally from Clovis, California attended California State University, Fresno getting her B.S. double majoring in Food and Nutritional Sciences and Enology with a minor in Chemistry.

Her research has evaluated the microbial loads in stone fruit packinghouses and specifically looked into the automated sorting systems' fruit carriers. While completing her M.S., Kelli has been working as a teaching assistant and graduate assistant in the Food Science Department. She is looking forward to working in the food industry starting in May.

## How did you get involved with Food Science/ the Food Industry?

"I have always had an interest in agriculture and food science. My passion for Food Science and the Food Industry were sparked in high school when I conducted a science fair experiment to evaluate the microbial load of organic and conventional lettuce. At that science fair I met Dr. Dormedy. From that experience my interest in Food Science and the industry has continued to grow. I love learning and believe in being a life long learner."

## Tell me about one thing that someone would be surprised to learn about you?

"I went skydiving for one of my recent birthdays and convinced my family to go with me, except for my mother who stayed on the ground and had to I quote "had to watch all of her children jump from a perfectly good airplane." We all landed safely and at least my brother and I want to go again. "

## What is your favorite food?

"It is hard to choose just one food but if I had to, I would say my mother's homemade Bierocks are my favorite food. They are a labor of love. They are made with my mother's secret yeast roll recipe. The yeast rolls are stuffed with savory beef, cabbage, and spices that all have been finely ground and mixed." – Nicole Miranda

## 2017 SJIFT GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT

We celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our SJIFT Golf Tournament on Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Copper River Country Club in Fresno. It was a cool but beautiful day. We had a great turnout of 130 players teeing off on the 6415 yard course. We also had our largest ever dinner gathering of 155 that evening. This was our first time playing at a private country club and our first time to have our dinner at an indoor venue. Copper River did a great job, and the food served at dinner was the best ever. We want to give a great big shout-out to Copper River!

We wish to thank our major sponsors: **Scott Nichols** of the HORN Company with a Full Scholarship Sponsorship, and **Thomas Lampe** of San Joaquin Valley Concentrates as our Dinner Sponsor. We also thank **Kathleen Da Cunha** of Ruiz Foods, for providing an Eagle Sponsorship. **Chuck Lambert** of Grain Processing and **Joyce Igasaki** of Virginia Dare Flavors both provided Birdie Sponsorships. **Lori King** of I.O.I. Loders Croklaan sponsored our \$20,000 Scotland Golf Vacation Hole in One prize and **Bill Smittcamp** of Wawona Frozen Foods was our Beverage Cart Sponsor. For more Golf Tournament, check out the full report at [www.SJIFT.ORG](http://www.SJIFT.ORG)- Scott Nichols



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## UPDATE

With the start of the calendar year, Fresno State has officially began its Spring 2018 Semester. The Fresno State Food Science Department is welcoming Professor Esther Maxkwee to their excellent teaching staff as well as Professor Carmen Licon who is back for her second semester.

The students are taking courses in Quality Assurance, Food and Dairy Microbiology, and Introduction to Food and Dairy Processing to name a few. Sarah Jamalludin, Trent Little, Foy Papawinnorakun, and Kelli Williamson are preparing to compete in the annual College Bowl competition regional round which will be held at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on April 6th and 7th. In addition, the Food Science and Culinology Club attended the California League of Food Processors Expo in Sacramento on February 21st and 22nd.

- Trent Little