

Green Sheets Spring 2019



Presidents Message

Dear SJIFT members,

As I'm writing this, April is right around the corner. How are everyone's New Year's resolutions progressing? My resolution was to take up rock climbing! I've been steadily improving climbing indoors and plan to climb outside this summer. Needless to say, I'm very excited. Resolutions aside, our section has some great events with amazing speakers lined up in the coming months. Please take a moment to read the event descriptions and sign-up. This can be done on our website sjift.org.

Let's talk about open positions. We currently have 156 members in our section! My goal is to encourage more active participation of our members. I challenge everyone to get involved, volunteer for a board position, share your ideas and help us better prepare future industry professionals. Our current open positions include president elect, secretary, member at large, audit committee member, event committee, and scholarship committee.

We are always eager to hear from you and listen to your thoughts and concerns, Please feel free to contact us at sanjoaquinift@gmail.com

I hope to see you soon,

Jordan Bolin
2018/2019 SJIFT President
Food Technologist, National Raisin Company

Recent Events

Winter Tour and Dinner; Getting spicy with Olam.

The SJIFT Winter Tour and Dinner started at the Olam Seed Farm in Hanford, where participants received a presentation and guided tour of the facility and delved into the world of garlic and onion manufacturing. The 32 participants then enjoyed a delicious dinner at Fugazzi's in Visalia where Siva Subramanian, the VP of Innovation for Olam Coffee, delivered an engaging presentation on how to execute innovation. A huge shout out to Olam for allowing SJIFT to tour their facility and providing an excellent presentation over dinner! Thank you to everyone for partaking in this intriguing event and showing your support for the Fresno State students!

Kimberly Williams
2018/2019 President Elect
Food Document Specialist, Ready Roast Nut Company

New Professionals

- New professional mixers and meetings are very important to make and sustain connections within the food industry. The March 21st mixer was held at Papi's Mexican Grill.
- The event lasted the whole time with 11 participants from various sectors of the food industry. It was a fun and enjoyable night of networking.
- The food was delicious and varied to provide many options for the participants.
- The raffle winner was Amber Hall from Ready Roast Nut Company, she received a \$25 gift card for Papi's.

Student Recognition Night

- This is a special event where we award up to 5 Food Science and Nutrition students from Fresno State with \$1,000 scholarships. This year we only had 3 entries who all were awarded \$1,000 scholarships.
- The three awardees were Kidnatha (Foy) Papawinnorakun, Teresa Gomez and Brenna Flynn.
- The event took place at the House of Juju where Suzy Badaracco, Toxicologist, Chef, and Registered Dietitian, Spoke on Trend Profiling: Fermentation trends in food and beverage. For more information on Suzy and the lecture topic, please see description below.



- Suzy holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Criminalistics, an Associate degree in Culinary Arts, and a Master of Science degree in Human Nutrition. Suzy has worked as a trends forecaster for food industry clients since 1992. Suzy has been trained in military intelligence, chaos theory, and predictive analysis techniques used by both corporate and government bodies and has been practicing trends intelligence and predictive forecasting for more than 20 years. Using these techniques, she has been able to successfully predict and profile government, technology, adversary and ally, food, flavor, consumer, industry, and health trends.
- The event was a success that was enjoyed by over 40 people. The food was outstanding and delicious. The speaker was memorable and engaging. She was very informed and had great insight into forecasting of trends.
- If you missed this event do not fret, keep on the lookout going forward as we will have additional events throughout the year.

Upcoming Events



Lunch & Learn with Top Industry Experts in Salinas, CA

In conjunction with the Grand Opening of the new Mériex NutriSciences lab in Salinas, CA on **May 15th**, Mériex NutriSciences will host a technical program on produce-specific topics presented by some of the industry's foremost experts. Take advantage of networking opportunities before and after the program to get answers to any specific questions you may have. Lunch and refreshments provided.

Where: 201 MAIN, downtown Salinas, CA

When: Wed, May 15th, 11:30am - 6:30pm

Schedule:

11:30am - 12:30pm Lunch/Networking

12:30am - 3:00pm Technical program

3:00pm - 5:00pm Tours of the new lab, shuttle provided

5:00pm - 6:30pm Networking event, refreshments provided

Technical Program Speakers & Topics:

Vic Dutta (bioMériex) - STEC Testing: Are We There Yet?

Tim Freier (Mériex NutriSciences) - What's New in Environmental Monitoring?

Angela Nguyen (Mériex NutriSciences) - Spotlight on Subtyping: Enhanced Methods for Pathogen Identification

Todd Baggett (RedLine Solutions) - Produce Traceability

Join us for all or any part of the afternoon program. [RSVP Now!](#)

- Professionals Networking



- Join San Joaquin IFT on May 16th at 5:00 pm for a Networking Professionals Event. We will be meeting at the Grizzly stadium to hear from our speaker Grant Prentice, eat dinner, and watch the ball game. Grant Prentice is the senior vice president of strategic insights at FoodMinds, a division of PadillaCRT. Prentice will be speaking on food waste in relation to food, packaging, energy, and overall carbon foot print. Afterward we will network over dinner and watch the Grizzly's play Sacramento. Each attendee will leave the game with a complementary Grizzlies ball cap.

2019 Golf Tournament

18 holes of sunshine and fun.

Please join us on Monday October 14th, 2019 for our 22nd Annual SJIFT Tournament to be held at the Copper River Country Club in Fresno!

-Scott Nichols

SJIFT Golf Chair

For more information on the 2018 golf tournament and the upcoming 2019 gold tournament please visit www.golftournamentconsultant.com/sjift

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to contact us at sanjoaquinift@gmail.com.