

Green Sheets Winter 2020



President's Message



Dear SJIFT Members,

This is my first message as President of the San Joaquin Section, and I cannot tell you enough how delighted and honored I am to represent our great Central Valley!

I'd like to first thank our past president, Jordan Bolin, our entire Board of Directors, and all our committee members for all the hard work and dedication that went into the 2018/2019 year to make it a monumental triumph! I would also like to thank Scott Nichols, our current President Elect, for stepping up and being the acting SJIFT President while I have been out on maternity leave through the holiday season.

I welcomed a beautiful healthy baby girl into the world shortly before Thanksgiving, providing me with so much to be thankful for. Being a new parent has been full of trials and the sleep deprivation is no joke, but I am rewarded with coos and smiles that melt my heart and make it all worthwhile. Based on how she eats, I just know she is an IFT Food Geek in the making!

Although I am enjoying every minute with my newborn daughter, I cannot wait to get back into the swing of things and get our 2019/2020 SJIFT year events underway. Our current board and committee members are cooking up some exciting ideas for this year and I look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events.

If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in the SJIFT, you can reach out to a board member at any time. Or you can join us at an event, join a committee, or even volunteer for a board position.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Williams
2019/2020 SJIFT President
Product Development Technologist,
California Natural Colors



Upcoming Events

- **New Professionals Night**
 - Come enjoy a wonderful night answering foodie trivia, having great drinks and meeting even better people.
 - Event is free to attend and will be held on **Thursday Feb. 20th** at Amalgamation Brewing.

- **SJIFT Winter Event**
 - Save the date on your calendars as this event is going to be exciting!
 - The tour will be at California Natural Colors, a subsidiary of Gallo Wineries. They focus on producing natural colorants for many food and beverage uses.
 - After the tour, dinner will be hosted at the Cosmopolitan, with Thomas Lampe, from California Natural Color, giving a presentation.
 - The event will be **Thursday March 12th**. Specific Details TBD. (Keep an eye out for email blasts)

- **Student Recognition Night**
 - Our annual Student Recognition Night is where we acknowledge and reward scholarships to some outstanding Fresno State students!
 - Date: **Thursday April 30th**
 - Location: TBD

- Students please don't forget that Scholarship Applications must be submitted by Friday April 3rd

Meet the Members

Sydney Stout – Event Committee

Chair – Olam Spices

- **How long have you been a member of the SJIFT?**
 - I've been a member for two years.

- **What is your job title or school background?**
 - I am a Product Line Manager for Olam Spices. I direct the strategy and lead business development for purees and parsley portfolios.

- **Where would you take an out-of-town guest for a meal and why?**
 - Gazebo Gardens to check out the food truck lineup! I love supporting local. Meltdown Bistro is my go-to: you can't beat their chicken Caesar melt!

- **What brought you into the food industry?**
 - I love food and eating – so going into the industry was a natural choice for me! There are so many facets to the food industry, so it's been so rewarding that I can put my education to use.

- **What is your favorite food-or-beverage-related experience?**
 - Ordering the flight at Ampersand – who wouldn't want to try four delicious

flavors of local ice cream? It allows you to have your favorites and try the rotating monthly selections too.

Tushar Sawant – Member at Large – Lyons Magnus

- **How long have you been a member of the SJIFT?**
 - o I have been a member of SJIFT since 2015.
- **What is your job title or school background?**
 - o My job title is R&D Food Scientist. In my current role, I get to develop new and innovative products in the foodservice and beverage industry. I also provide technical leadership in ingredient processing and product scale-up functions.
- **What is a fun fact about yourself that you would like others to know?**
 - o I was the captain of my undergrad college Chess team.
- **Where would you take an out-of-town guest for a meal and why?**
 - o Heirlooms! Quite simply, the food at Heirlooms tastes great! I was fortunate to meet the Chef at Heirlooms. I was amazed with his passion for Italian cuisines and his drive to delight customers with a perfect meal every time.
- **What brought you into the food industry?**
 - o I was always curious about the journey of our food from

farm-to-fork. The science behind creating a value-added product from raw agricultural commodity always fascinated me. I'm fortunate to find myself working in the food industry and following my passion every day.

- **What is your favorite food or beverage related experience?**
 - o My favorite food experience is visiting the Sriracha Sauce manufacturing facility in Irwindale, CA. We met the owner of Huy Fong Foods who shared his food industry experience with us.

Stefanie Santora – Student Representative – Fresno State

- **How long have you been a member of the SJIFT?**
 - o I have been a member of SJIFT since September of 2019.
- **What is your job title or school background?**
 - o I am currently a Senior at Fresno State and will be graduating this summer. While attending Fresno State, I have had the opportunity to work at the Fresno State Creamery for more than three years, enjoying every minute of it. This year I am excited to start my career using my work experience and degree in Food Science.
- **What is a fun fact about yourself that you would like others to know?**

- I am a food science major who is very, very bad at cooking.
- **What brought you into the food industry?**
 - I was looking for a college major that offered a wide variety of job opportunities for a lifetime. I find the study of food science interesting and know the industry will continue to improve with new technologies. Fresno State is a large university with a small town feel. I was drawn to it due to the Agriculture program and its vast community opportunities.
- **What is your favorite food or beverage related experience?**
 - This past summer I had the opportunity to intern at a winery in the Bay Area. There, my focus was on finding the perfect aging of a Canadian Whiskey Barrel Cabernet for it to reach its desired flavor.



News and Interesting Facts for the Food Industry

1. USDA research suggests traditional methods for calculating energy for some tree nuts such as almonds, cashew, pistachios and walnuts have been miscalculated. KIND bar will be lowering the calorie counts on most of their products. The change varies and is anywhere from 10-30 calories less.
2. There is a current resurgence of iconic and popular brands being brought back to life. One good example is General Mills iconic '90s snack, the Dunkaroos. Hopefully we see these old icons return and show that products can be reinvigorated for newer generations.

2020 Golf Tournament

Please join us on Monday September 28th, 2020 for our 23rd Annual SJIFT Tournament to be held at the Copper River Country Club in Fresno!

- Scott Nichols
SJIFT Golf Chair

For more information on the 2019 golf tournament and the upcoming 2020 golf tournament please visit

www.SJIFTgolf.com

3. According to IFT, food research in the United States is chronically underfunded. It is stated that funding in 2018 for both private and public sectors amounted to only \$22.6 billion dollars. To put that into perspective that is only 4.2% of the GDP while the entire food sector accounted for almost 25% of the entire GDP. That ratio is less than many other sectors in the United States including the pharmaceutical sector.

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