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April/2011

LIFT April Meeting & College Recognition Night

Thursday, April 14th @ Dave & Buster's Restaurant in Frisco

- Food Science students from 5 regional universities will be attending the dinner prior to the College Bowl competition on Friday, April 15th.
- Opportunities to mentor and network with students
- Speaker - Sharon H. Kneebone the Director of Membership for Institute of Food Technologists

Speaker Topic:
Food Industry Employment Trends and Tips to Land Your Next Opportunity

Sharon will be sharing her knowledge of the trends in employment as it relates to the Food Industry, providing tips for getting and/or staying employed as well as providing us with updates on IFT, especially the benefits of membership and how IFT membership can facilitate your job search!

Where: Dave & Buster's Restaurant in the at Stonebriar Centre Frisco 2601 Preston Rd, Ste 1200 Frisco, TX 75034 - (214) 387-0915

When: Thursday, April 14th @ 5:30-9:00pm

Cost:

- \$30/professional- covers the cost of your meal plus you'll receive a \$10 gift card to use in the arcade
- Students Free

Schedule:

5:30-6:30pm	Mix and Mingle. Five regional University will have booths set up to showcase their Food Science Club activities. Please take advantage of this time to talk with students. Also if you've signed up for the Mentorship Connection, please use this time to meet your mentee.
6:30 pm	Welcome, Student Awards/Scholarships & Dinner
7:00 pm	Speaker - Sharon Kneebone

At the conclusion of the presentation, everyone use their Dave and Busters playcards to play the games.

***Please RSVP by 5 PM Monday, April 11th To:
holly.deal@pepsico.com***

About our Speaker:

Sharon came to IFT, in October 2010, from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) where she served as Associate Director, Component Management, supervising a staff of eight association executives who provided management services to APTA chapters and sections, in addition to her role as Executive Officer for the Education Section, APTA. She frequently served as an interim executive officer for clients in transition with APTA. She was responsible for implementing the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) Board of Governors strategic initiatives, and was the Director of Chapter Services for the Appraisal Institute prior to ACC. Sharon served as executive director with an association management company working with more than 36 boards of directors. She assisted her clients in strategic thinking, program development and volunteer leader development.

Sharon was awarded the CAE designation in December of 2005 after completing the U.S. Chamber of Commerce four-year Institute for Organizational Management program. She currently serves on the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Research Committee, is an ASAE CenterU Faculty member, and has authored several articles on volunteer and chapter management. Sharon holds a B.A. in mass communication with a concentration in public relations from Towson University in Maryland.

South Central College Bowl Competition

**IFTSA College Bowl @ Frito-Lay
Campus on Friday, April 15 @ 9AM**

Food Science students from Texas Tech Univ., Texas A&M, Univ. of Missouri, University of Arkansas and Oklahoma State Univ will be competing. Winners of the regional College Bowl will move onto the National competition at the IFT Annual Meeting in June.



Professionals are welcome to come watch the matches. Please contact Holly Deal holly.deal@pepsico.com by Monday, April 11th if you are planning to attend so the

proper arrangements can be made.

Mentorship Connection

Please consider being a mentor to one of our regional college students for an evening.

This is a great opportunity for professionals at all career levels to mentor the students and help them learn about the challenges and opportunities in the "real world". You might learn something too!

Details of Mentorship Connection:

- The program will be kicked off at the April 14th LIFT dinner meeting at Dave and Busters in Frisco.
- Professionals pay \$30 which covers the cost of your meal and supplements student cost. You'll also receive a \$10 gift card to use in the arcade.
- Mentor/Mentee pairs will be pre-matched prior to meeting based on common career interests.
- Duties for the night include meeting up with your mentee during the pre-dinner networking session, sitting with your mentee during dinner and talking to them about your experiences
- We encourage everyone to stay in contact and communicate throughout 2011, but it's not required - it's up to the two of you.

We need your information now! So if you are interested in being a Mentor (Professional) please contact Supriya supriya.varma@pepsico.com or interested in being a Mentee (Student) please contact Lisbeth lisbeth.pacheco@pepsico.com

Upcoming Events

LIFT Meetings:

May - *Meeting TBD*

September - *Thursday Sept. 29 Suppliers Night!*

- Embassy Suites, Frisco, TX - SAVE THE DATE!
- Details are available on the LIFT website www.longhorn-ift.org

Other Regional Event:

34th Annual Texas Food Processors Association Conference

May 11-13, 2011 at Sheraton Dallas North, Dallas, TX

For more information check out www.tfpa.org

Jobs Available

Sr. R&D Developer (KN2528)

BS-MS Science 5+ years experience. Beverage Consumer Products Company. Central, WA. area. Relocation assistance available.

Contact: Ken Nelson - Nelson & Associates Email me@ <nelson@foodrecruiter.com> visit our web pages @ <<http://www.foodrecruiter.com/>> (425)823-0956

Sr. Food Scientist

Must have B.S. or M.S. Degree in Food Science or equivalent. Minimum of 5 years experience in food product development. Able to travel 25%-50%. Targeted base salary in the \$80,000-\$90,000 range, plus bonus.

Contact: Cindy McDaniel Professional Staffing of St. Louis (636) 343-8859 office/ (314) 791-5277 mobile/ mcdaniel513@charter.net

If you'd like to include a job posting in the next newsletter please send the information to jaimereeves@pepsico.com

JOB WANTED

Seeking Full Time Position

Michael Shirzad

Contact: 469-364-1904/ mazyarshirzad@gmail.com

Seeking: chemist position in the research and development industry

Education:

NCTC, Student, Science. Associate of Science, expected May 2011

University of Texas at Arlington, Organic Chemistry and Lab

Laken Bippert

Contact: laken@tamu.edu or (979) 966-3004

Seeking: undergraduate seeking entry-level full-time employment following May 2011 graduation

Education: graduating May 2011, BS in Food Science and Technology with minor in Business from Texas A&M University

Experience: HACCP certificate of completion through International HACCP Alliance and is willing to re-locate within U.S. Participant in independent and group research projects. Maintains student membership in IFT and serves as Public Relations officer for Texas A&M University Food Science Club for 2010-2011 academic year. References are available upon request

Seeking Internship

Audrey Jones

Contact: Audrey.paige.jones@gmail.com or 817-793-2851
Seeking internship in: areas of food safety, research and development, and quality control, but would be open to other applications of food technology
Education: The University of Texas at Austin, BS Biochemistry

If you'd like to post your information in the next newsletter please email jaime.reeves@pepsico.com.

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