



Chicagoland
Food Science
Foundation

*Serving the next generation of
food & beverage professionals*

2021 Annual Report

Our Vision in Practice

*Inspiring all ages to be engaged
in the science of food*



MISSION: WHO WE ARE

Mission: To develop, promote and support the current and next generation of food and beverage industry professionals through food industry awareness and scholarship programs while working in close collaboration with CSIFT.

Founded by Chicago Section IFT in 2015, the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation (CFSF) is a 501c3 organization that serves as the “giving arm” of the Section. CFSF develops and promotes the current and next generation of food and beverage industry professionals by providing scholarships and donating to organizations that support our mission and vision.

CFSF supports awareness programs to engage students in the science of food and provides scholarships to those already working towards their degrees.

VISION

To strengthen the science of food within the Chicagoland food and beverage industry to address ever growing global needs. CFSF will enhance the science of food by:

- Inspiring all ages to be engaged in the science of food, and
- Supporting future and current food and beverage professionals in their endeavors.

SINCE 2015:



87,100
Donations Made



225,500
Scholarships Provided



56
Scholarship Recipients

Inspiring all ages to be engaged in the science of food



A WORD FROM LAURA SARAN

REFLECTIONS ON HER PAST 3 YEARS



As my three-year term as Chair of this great Foundation comes to an end, I would like to thank the board members and volunteers that I have served with for their support, engagement and unequalled passion to push forward for growth and awareness of our mission.

My sincere thanks go out to our generous sponsors and many donators that have contributed to our cause. I also thank the IAMI organization for their ongoing commitment to the success of the Foundation.

I am proud of the accomplishments that have been implemented during my tenure. We have taken the Foundation from a “start-up” to one that is growing both as a fund-raising and giving organization. Key highlights:

- **Board Structure.** The number and roles on our board of directors has grown as we have grown. We now have a dedicated Treasurer where this was previously a position shared with CSIFT.
- **Governance.** The bylaws were updated to give us more flexibility on the size of our board. We’ve created a process for securing new board members along with recruiting for specific skills and talents.
- **Giving Strategy.** A common passion for each member of the leadership team is growing our giving by focusing on how we can build awareness of the science of food and provide scholarships. This year we added the Freshman Scholarship and several board members participated in awareness programs at area schools.
- **Marketing Materials.** I want to also call out the work of our Marketing Committee as they have developed a flyer, a folder, this annual report, and created a new website. We also created several new logos—one of which is the Proud Sponsor logo!
- **Finance & Audit.** The Finance and Audit Committee members have focused on establishing and improving internal controls, managing investments, and hiring a new tax and audit firm. The first formal independent audit was completed for the 2019-20 fiscal year and we are proud of the results indicating that our practices are in good order.

As the world leaned how to function within the parameters of COVID-19, so too did CFSF. Our fund-raising efforts were affected with the limitation on large gatherings. We are thankful that we’ve still been able to hold our annual golf outing.

Going forward, an increased effort needs to be on fund-raising strategies including a corporate campaign. I plan to continue with my involvement and to support the Foundation in the years ahead.

A WORD FROM UPASANA HARIRAM

HER VISION FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS



I would like to congratulate Laura on a successful term and thank the board members, committee members, and IAMI for a successful year.

I am excited to work with our volunteers and board to continue our mission to develop, promote, and support the current and next generation of food and beverage industry professionals.

As Chair, my main areas of focus in the next year are:

- **Awareness Campaign:** To share our cause with a broader audience so that we can raise more and in turn have a larger impact by:
 - Sharing impact stories on social media and our website to spark discussion and interest.
 - Creating a video series of our scholarship recipients.
 - Increasing our social media presence and engaging donors on a regular basis.
- **Open up to Corporate Donors/Sponsors:** Engage food companies to support the development of current and future workforce by utilizing our network to get corporate engagement and sponsors and share our mission, vision and impact to raise corporate donations.
- **Past recipient outreach:** Engage past scholarship recipients to give back to the community and stay connected with the cause that had an impact on their careers.
- **High School Collaborations:** Collaborate with Chicago based high schools to introduce students to the various career options available within the food industry through thought leadership and guest speakers.

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OUR GIVING STRATEGY

OUR MISSION & VISION IN PRACTICE

The CFSF giving strategy supports our vision by identifying and supporting K-12 programs that are designed to educate students of all ages about the science of food, how it is involved in our everyday lives, and about the kinds of careers available in the food and beverage industry.

While, many students have heard of areas like math, chemistry, biology, and engineering, they do not realize when you apply them to food you have the study of Food Science.

We support our mission by engaging educators and equipping them with experiments and information they can integrate into their current curriculum. We also want to be active in STEM programs that expose kids to food science and the food and beverage industry.

PLANTING THE SEED



INSPIRING AWARENESS THROUGH K-12 PROGRAMS

Past giving includes 4-H Club, Expanding Your Horizons, Celebrating High School Innovators in Health & Nutrition and more.

NURTURING THE SEED

AWARDING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2021 Competitive Scholarship Program saw 47 applicants from 10 schools.

13 students were awarded a scholarship:
3 graduate, 7 undergraduate and 3 freshmen.



62% of the 32 scholarship recipients between 2016-2020 currently work in the food industry in the greater Chicago area.

28% are in school completing their degrees.

The Nurturing the Seed giving programs are designed to promote and support the next generation of food and beverage professionals through scholarships and professional experiences.

We put our mission and vision into practice through our Competitive Scholarship Program as well as through donations provided to area colleges and universities.

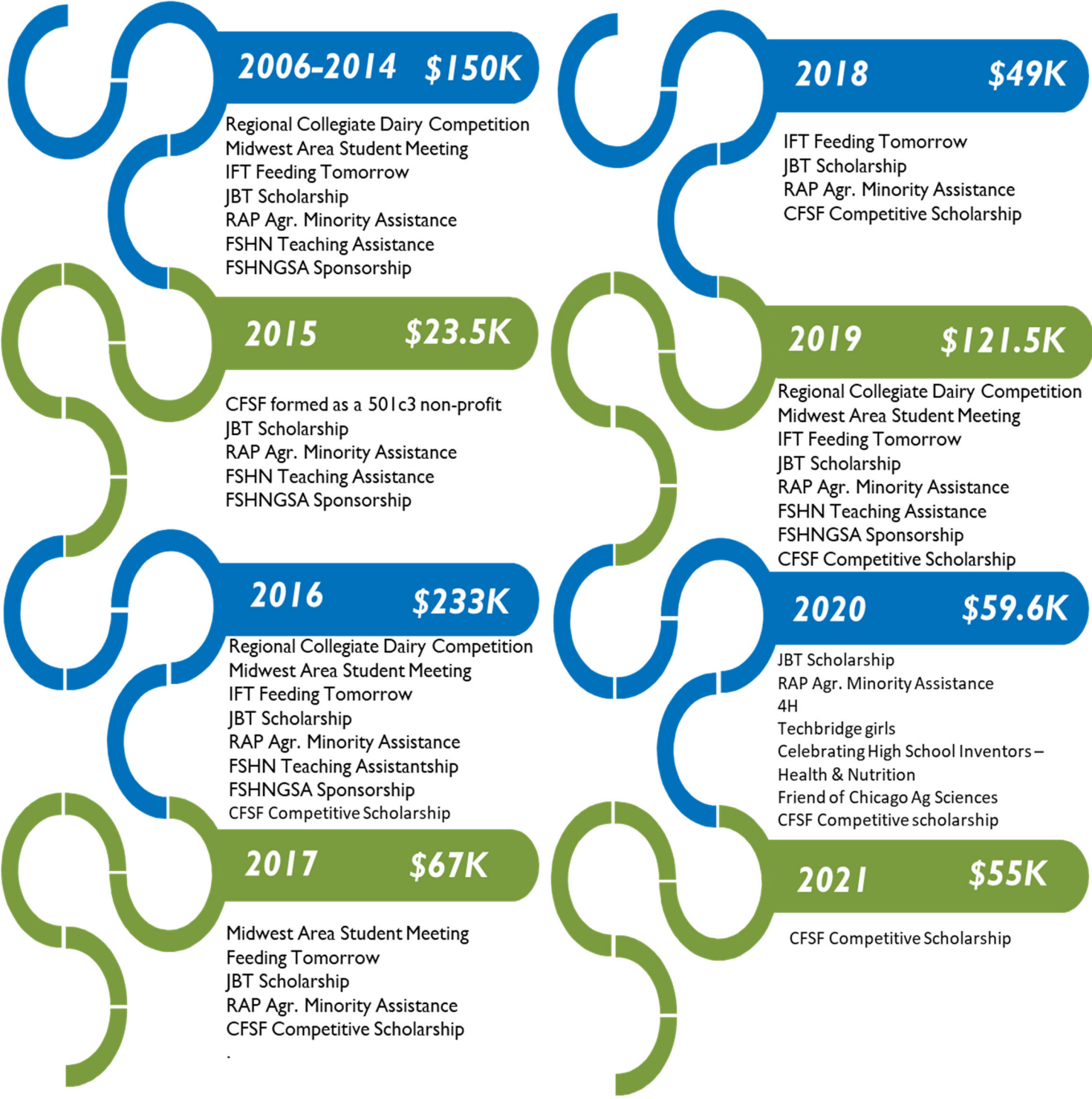
CFSF recently provided donations to the University of Illinois, Illinois Institute of Technology, and Dominican University in the form of travel grants so their students could attend Chicago Section IFT events where they not only gain knowledge on different food science related topics, but also provide the opportunity to network with food industry professionals.



WHO WE SUPPORT

OUR GIVING HISTORY. CSIFT and CFSF together have donated over \$750k since 2006.

- Competitive Scholarships: \$262,500
- University of IL FSHN Teaching Assistantship: \$203,000
- University of IL Research Apprentice Program (RAP): \$92,700
- University of IL Jonathan Baldwin Turner (JBT) Scholarship: \$91,500
- IFT Feeding Tomorrow Educator Program: \$68,000
- University of Illinois: \$10,000
- Illinois Institute of Technology: \$10,000
- IFT Midwest Student Meetings: \$3,500
- 4H Club: \$2,600
- Celebrating High School Inventors: \$2,000
- IFT Regional Collegiate Dairy Competition: \$2,000
- FSHNGSA Meeting: \$1,500
- Dominican University: \$1,000
- Expanding Your Horizons: \$1,000



A WORD FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Through our **COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**, CFSF supports its vision of strengthening the science of food within the Chicagoland food and beverage industry.



“Thank you! Nutrition and understanding the effects food has on the body is something I am very passionate about.”

- Samantha Golemba
Freshman, University of Illinois



“I am beyond grateful for the opportunities this scholarship provides and cannot wait to see what the future holds for me!”

- Ava Weyrich
Junior, University of Kentucky

In 2021, we awarded **\$55,000** in scholarships. Our past scholarship recipient graduates are working in the areas of **Food Research & Development, Food Processing, Food Safety, and Product Development.**

OUR PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2016

Natalie Haag	Iowa State University
Brian Jacobson	University of IL
Emily Mayhew	University of IL
Janique Tyler	University of IL
Luis Vargas-Lopez	University of IL
Melissa Wang	University of IL
Karen Zheng	University of IL

2017

Emely Lopez-Barrera	University of IL
Candice Mazewski	University of IL
Elizabeth Morrow	University of IL
Maya Nienaber	University of IL
Sindy Palma-Salgado	University of IL
Morganne Schmidt	Dominican University
Luis Vargas	University of IL
Kristen Yi	Cornell University
Karen Zheng	University of IL

2018

Aimee Buechler	University of IL
Catherine Gensler	University of Connecticut
Oguz Kaan-Ozturk	University of IL
Emely Lopez-Barrera	University of IL
Candice Mazewski	University of IL
Karen Zheng	University of IL

2019

Abigail Boyd	University of IL
Steven Buchholz	University of IL
Dana Dubinski	University of IL
Eileen Foerster	University of IL
Sean Kilker	University of IL
Sarah O'Donnell	IL Institute of Technology
Catherine Rolfe	IL Institute of Technology

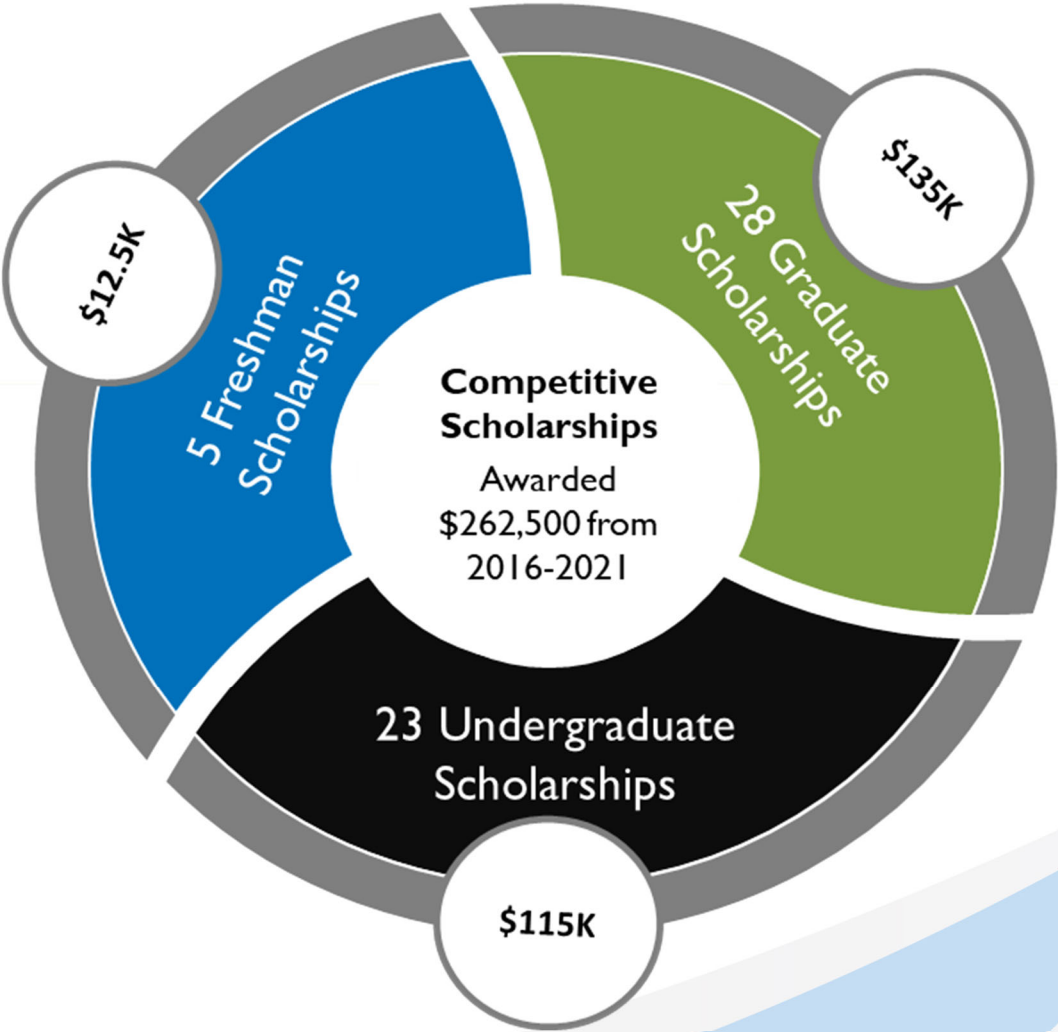
2020

Steven Buchholz	University of IL
Amaya Butler	University of Missouri
AubreyDunteman	University of IL
Eileen Foerster	University of IL
Meera Patel	University of IL
Gabriella Rienks	University of IL
Alexander Taylor	University of IL

2021

Hunter Adams	Purdue University
Gwendoline Balto	University of IL
Sarah Batka	University of IL
Lauren Bock	University of Notre Dame
Karin Cho	Iowa State University
AubreyDunteman	University of IL
Samantha Golembo	University of IL
Dina Graves	Clemson University
Michelle Langnickel	University of Minnesota
Christopher Reusz	North Carolina State
Evgeniya Rybalkina-Evans	University of IL
Ian Smith	Clemson University
Ava Weyrich	University of Kentucky

Morganne Schmidt	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Tejashree Shah	Purdue University
Alexander Taylor	University of IL
Anna Waller	University of IL
ZhuzhuWang	University of IL
Josh Warren	IL Institute of Technology
Morgan Weinberg	North Carolina State University



77% Female

29% Non-White

50% Undergraduate
50 % Graduate

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

HOW WE RAISE FUNDS

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING—SINCE 2008

Since our first golf outing in 2008, Chicago Section IFT and CFSF have generated almost \$1 million in income to raise awareness of food science and to support students via scholarships.

This event continues to be a fun way to raise funds—enjoyed by all participants—golfers and volunteers alike.



Raising Scholarship Funds Since 2008

Other fund-raising efforts include our online silent auction often taking place in November as part of the CSIFT Suppliers’ Expo and Symposium and networking events where attendees bid on raffle prizes donated by our supporters.



2020-2021 EVENTS

CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES



CFSF board members visited this Chicago college preparatory high school that provides opportunities for diverse students from across the city to study agriculture with the goal of developing marketable skills as well as college level competencies.

In 2020, 2 students were each awarded \$2,500 scholarships to study food science.

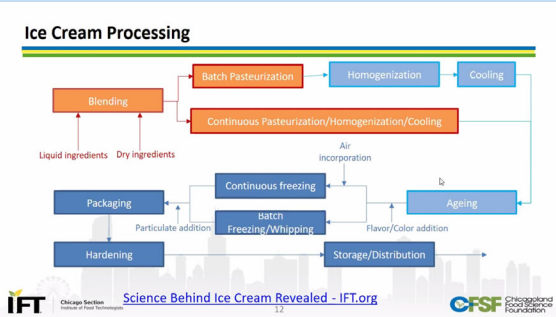
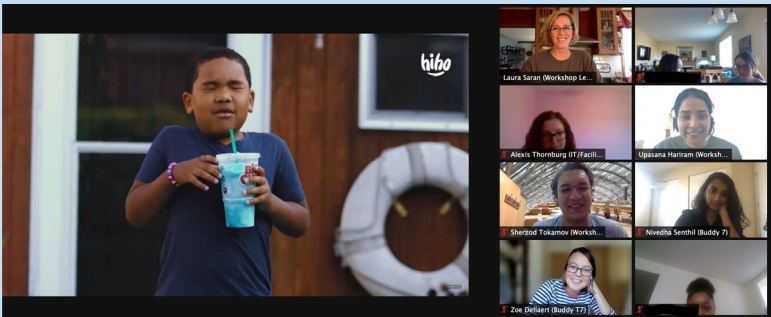


EXPENDING YOUR HORIZONS—CHICAGO



CFSF board members participated in the 2021 one-day symposium for middle school girls to engage in exciting and diverse experiences that science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers have to offer.

CFSF presented a workshop entitled, “Food: Edible Science and Fun”- Learning how to make ice cream in a bag!



2019 CFSF PRE-EXPO PARTY AT THE Hofbräuhaus

While the 2020 in-person party was cancelled, we had a great night at the Hofbräuhaus eating German food, competing in contests, singing, dancing and selling raffle tickets for some great prizes!



13TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AT COG HILL

While held in the midst of the pandemic, we had a successful outing in October instead of August. 250+ golfers and volunteers joined us for a great day of golfing and networking.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Foundation Sponsors are a valuable part of our annual fund-raising initiatives and we are dependent upon them to grow our giving initiatives.





Become a sponsor at the **Gold (\$5,000), Silver (\$3,000), or Bronze (\$2,000)** level.



Donate! Support CFSF by giving what you can.

Volunteer! As a non-profit, we rely on our volunteers to provide the vision, leadership, strategy, and time needed to ensure that we meet our mission to inspire all ages to be engaged in the science of food and provide scholarships to those already working towards their degrees.

Establish a scholarship in the name of your company or an individual. Contact us to share your ideas!

<p>INCREASE FUNDRAISING</p> <p>Raise \$140,000 annually by hosting events, soliciting individual donations, corporate sponsorships, and Section endowment.</p> 	<p>INSPIRE ALL AGES TO BE ENGAGED IN FOOD SCIENCE</p> <p>Pilot a mentorship program with CSIFT for Food Science Students.</p> <p>Introduce Food Science to 50,000 K-12 students in a given year.</p> 	<p>FINANCIAL NEED-BASED GIVING</p> <p>50% increase in giving by 2025.</p> <p>Begin financial need-based giving to students in need of financial support.</p> 	<p>STAY CONNECTED AND SUPPORT CURRENT AND NEXT GENERATION OF FOOD PROFESSIONALS</p> <p>Track and stay connected with previous scholarship recipients to increase engagement with the Chicagoland food & beverage community.</p> 
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VISION 2025—OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

THANK YOU!

CORPORATE DONORS & SPONSORS

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Columbus Vegetable Oils	Lee Kum Kee
Crowe LLC	MUSH Foods
Dempsey (US) Corporation	Silliker Food Science Center
	US Highbush Blueberry Council

2020-2021 FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

INDIVIDUAL DONORS



\$25+

Anonymous Food Scientist	Ellie O'Brien
Chris Bigall	Dr. Amy & Mr. O'Brian Parks
Stacy Boosey	Linda Perucca
Michele Canar	Laura Saran
Shawn Gebhardt	Tim Stubbs
James Nasella	Todd Zayti
John Ruff	



2020-21 LEADERSHIP TEAM

OFFICERS



Chair 2018-2021
Laura Saran
LJS Food Solutions



Chair 2021-2023
Upasana Hariram
Mérieux NutriSciences



Treasurer
Michael Gross
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Secretary
Melissa McWethy
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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Responsible for ensuring the annual audit is conducted in a satisfactory manner.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Responsible for annual budget, for reviewing all financial reports, and for presenting financial status to the Board.

DEVELOPMENT / FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE: Responsible for supporting all fund-raising events and identifying fund-raising opportunities.

GIVING COMMITTEE: Identifies and recommends giving opportunities. Manages the CFSF Competitive Scholarship Program.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: Manages all changes to policies, bylaws, and call for board members.

MARKETING / COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Manages the creation and distribution of marketing and communications materials.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Auditing Committee: Debbie Schodrof and Athena Uslander

Finance Committee: Michael Gross and Adam Gelfeld

Fund-Raising Committee: Amy Parks, Tim Stubbs, and Kat Kitchen. Golf Outing Event: John Fenstermacher, Mike Hosler, Jan Miller, James Skidmore, and Megan Gusick

Giving Committee (Including CFSF Scholarships) Linda Perucca, Ariel Cavazos, Natalie Haag, Dawn Manthei, and Nathan Libbey

Governance Committee: Laura Saran, Upsasana Hariram, Courtney Gwinn, Jennifer Farrell, and Shawn Gebhardt

Marketing Committee: Maddie Gerling, Candace Cage, Alice Moon, Nique Tyler, Melissa

2020-2021 Committee Reports

Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee got off to a running start last fall. A task force was created with members from the CSIFT and CFSF organizations to explore the potential opportunity to replace the current accounting firm.

The objective of the task force was to search for accounting firms that have experience and familiarity with the accounting practices for 501(c)(3) organizations. The team did a thorough job and met their project timeline. Ultimately, the task force made a recommendation to hire a new accounting firm.

Committee Chair CPA Debbie Schodrof and IAMI deserve a ton of thanks and kudos for all of the time spent on getting our books aligned. We are thrilled to say from an accounting perspective we are in the best shape we have ever been in.

Finance Committee

The Board was excited to welcome our new Treasurer, Michael Gross. Due to a proposal made to CSIFT in 2019, the treasurer responsibilities between CSIFT and CFSF have been separated. Michael will be solely focused on CFSF activities. CSIFT has their own Treasurer. Prior to this change, there was one treasurer for both organizations. In conforming to best practices this change was implemented.

The Finance committee led the initiative to poll the Board to understand the risk tolerance that the Board is willing to take in planning out the Giving and Investing strategy. Understanding the fenceposts to operate in the Finance Committee will develop a ladder-type investment strategy. These fenceposts will also help establish how many scholarships can be granted with limits on what can be used from the monies that are in investment funds.

A budget was developed and approved by the Board. There is a clause included which is tied to our fundraising efforts. Prior to the Scholarship application date opening in February, the Board will review the year to date fundraising revenue results to understand how many scholarships can be granted.

The contract of our valued partner IAMI was up for renewal. Previously, a three (3) contract was in place. Due to the challenges of COVID-19, and with the agreement of CSIFT, a one (1) contract was put in place, with the contract expiration date 31 May 2022.

CFSF was established through an endowment by CSIFT. CSIFT's revenue was very negatively affected with the cancellation of the annual Suppliers' event. CFSF has stepped up to assume a higher percentage of the IAMI expense for the upcoming year to help alleviate the expense burden from CSIFT as well as maintaining the expected service level needed from IAMI.

Development / Fund-Raising Committee

The Development team had to create new ways to reach out (and touch from a socially safe distance) to our supporters as we dealt with the challenges that COVID-19 has had on society's personal health and economic well-being. We were teetering on the edge of not being able to hold our largest fundraiser event with the Annual Golf Outing. As the state of IL was in a phased shut down mode, we needed to determine if we could safely do this. Normally, the event is in August. We made the decision in May to have the event in October.

While the attendance was not at typical levels due to travel restrictions with COVID-19, we were very pleased with the outcome. Instead of reserving all 4 courses at Cog Hill, we had the attendance to fill 2 of the 4 courses. The net income for the event was at a level from 2018. The committee has decided to have the 2021 Golf outing in September with the hopes of participation being at 2019 levels.

The November CSIFT Supplier's Expo was held as a virtual event with the MN Section. During the virtual conference we conducted our Online Silent Auction. Through the generosity of suppliers and private donors we had some unique lots for online bidding. This effort netted us nearly \$5000.00.

We were not able to have the pre-expo party like we did in 2019 but look forward to CSIFT having a Suppliers' event this November. Being optimistic that CSIFT will be able to host a Suppliers' event we will plan on going forward with a Tuesday night fundraising gathering in the Rosemont area.

In January, for the first time we launched an Individual Campaign. While we did not get the donations, we were hoping for we are confident that this effort has helped increase awareness of the Foundation within the food industry.

The Development committee is developing the tools and materials to pursue a campaign to increase corporate sponsorship. We will not only look to be more aggressive in pursuing corporate sponsorship, we will be pursuing corporate donations that look to sponsor scholarships. The goal is to launch this campaign in the fall of 2021.

There has been a recognized need to get a board member that has fund raising experience. The callout for new board members is specifically worded for an individual with those skills. We desperately need someone to lead and coordinate all of the fundraising efforts. This includes events, campaigns, sponsorships, etc.

JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER!

2020-2021 Committee Reports

Giving Committee

The Giving Committee is the best committee to be a part of as we are responsible for identifying and recommending giving opportunities. We also get to review all of the fantastic Competitive Scholarship Program applications.

As much of the content of this annual report shares how we have delivered on our mission and vision to raise awareness of the science of food and providing scholarships, we'd like to share some details on specific programs we've supported and our vision for the future.



IFT Educator Program – IFT created a program to bring educators to the National IFT Conference annually. This day-long event introduces educators to Food Science, careers in the food industry, and experiments they can use in their classrooms.

Kantha Shelke and Linda Perucca, two CFSF Board Members, were two of the three main presenters at this year's virtual event. Guest speakers from Chicago Section IFT represented different careers in the food industry and spoke about their positions.

There were 112 educators attending the event who teach over 25,000 students. CFSF provided a \$75 gift card to the first 100 teachers that registered and attended for supplies to do food science experiments in the classrooms. We are proud to say that we are helping bring Food Science to 100 classrooms across the state of Illinois!



4-H Food Science Projects – 4-H is an America's largest youth development organization. Across the US it empowers over 6 million young people ages 10-18 with skills to lead for a lifetime. During the 4-H program, youth learn about different areas of study that could turn into a career.

4-H creates projects on what they have learned to take to the local county fairs. They have a Food Science project where kids learn about the role of gluten in baking, how different leavening agents work in bakery products, what chemical reactions happen when eggs are cooked and much more.

As an incentive to get youth to try the Food Science project and get exposed to what is Food Science, CFSF sponsored a \$50 prize in 54 counties across Illinois to the top Food Science project in each county. Additionally, Board Member Linda Perucca presented a virtual workshop on experiments for the first year of the Food Science projects.



Expanding Your Horizons – Expanding Your Horizons is a program designed for girls in Elementary and Middle School (6-8 grades). The program is designed to spark an interest in STEM activities and careers. They are guided by the understanding that engaging with female STEM role models and participating in hands-on STEM activities can help girls begin to see themselves pursuing STEM careers.

CFSF donated \$1,000 towards the EYH annual workshop and Board members, Maddie Gerling, Upasana Hariram, Linda Perucca, Laura Saran, and Kantha Shelke participated in two different tracks during the 2021 virtual event.

One track was called "All about texture" where students learned about how texture is created in different foods. The second track was called "Food: Edible Science and Fun" where students learned about the chemical and physical reactions that occur while preparing food. The student got to convert liquid whipping cream into a semi-solid ice cream through science.

GROWING OUR GIVING—LOOKING TO 2022

Help us to Grow our Giving – CFSF is constantly looking for new programs to support that meet our mission of inspiring all ages to be engaged in the science of food. As we head to our new fiscal year, we have some new areas we want to develop.

We ask for your support of CFSF as a sponsor to help continue our amazing programs and create new ones to bring awareness of Food Science Careers. Through your help we will build a strong pipeline of talented Food Science Professionals.



Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHSAS) – While we supported individual students with college scholarships in 2020, we would like to grow our relationship by organizing a "Food Science Day" in the spring of 2022. The goal is to raise awareness of Food Science as a degree / career to freshmen students before they select their pathway.

Additionally, this event would allow current Food Science Pathway students a chance to interact with food industry professional and learn about the variety of careers within the food industry. CHSAS is a college preparatory high school on Chicago's south side that provides opportunities for diverse students from across the city of Chicago to study agriculture with the goal of developing marketable skills as well as college level competencies.



FFA – FFA is the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. They have Food Science as a Career Pathway where we are looking at a few engagement opportunities.

The first area we will probably get engaged with them would be to participate in their Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference (IAVAT) and have Food Science be a part of the breakout workshops.

The second area is a Food Science and Technology Career Development Event (CDE) at the state level where student compete both as an individual and team to test their Food Science, Food Safety and Sensory knowledge. They also work as teams to develop a new product to respond to a market need. Winning teams would go on to compete at the national level. In the future as funds become available, we might help sponsor teams to compete.



Pilot Light – Pilot Light is a non-for-profit Organization whose mission is to support students as they learn and advocate for informed choices by bridging the lessons they learn in their classrooms to the food on their lunch trays, at home and in their communities.

The thought is to integrate some food science and nutrition information into their curriculum. The first area we will probably get engaged with them would be to participate in their Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference (IAVAT) and have Food Science be a part of the breakout workshops.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation. We are proud of the work we have done and look forward to the future!

2020-2021 Committee Reports

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee continues to contribute to the ongoing structure of the Foundation and strengthen its policies for the future. A series of proposals to the board have been approved. These proposals brought forward to the Board were developed from a committee that includes representation from CSIFT.

Succession Planning. The bylaws have been updated to allow for a co-chair position that would shadow the current chair in the 3rd year of the chair’s tenure. The co-chair would then naturally succeed to the chair position, no vote would be needed.

Extending Board Member Term. At the end of an elected 3-year term, an individual can petition for extending their current term for an additional (1) year. Petition to be approved by the board. At the end of additional year, the position would be opened for election. This includes the individual leaving said position.

CSIFT Board Representation. The committee presented to the CSIFT Executive Committee to reduce the amount of representation of the CFSF Board from 4 members to 3. This proposal was accepted. The CSIFT representation on the CFSF board at the start of the 2021 2022 year will include the Chair, Past Chair and Secretary. This reduction in CSIFT Board representation will allow the CFSF board to recruit for needed skills and talents and keep the working board to a manageable level.

Bylaws Update. The proposal to amend Section 1.1.4 of the bylaws regarding removal of a board member was accepted. This addition was made to the section; “A director may resign at any time by providing written notice of resignation to the Secretary or, in the case of the resignation of the Secretary, to the Chair.

A director who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Foundation Board of Directors shall, unless such absences are excused by the affirmative act of the Foundation Board of Directors, be deemed to have resigned from the Foundation Board of Directors and from any office held.

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Marketing Committee

Over this last year the Marketing committee has executed in a few key areas for big strides. In order to better connect and convey the Chicagoland Food Science Foundation’s goals, the Board identified that an update was required to our website with the development of additional marketing materials.

To complete this work the Marketing Committee developed an RFP which was ultimately awarded to a local graphic designer. While still in the midst of the final touches, we have developed new icons and a brochure.

Two of the icons can be shared with donors and volunteers, while others represent our newly established giving strategy. For example, an icon was developed for Inspiring Awareness which supports programs ages K-12. In tandem with the new website, we have developed a brochure that can be altered based on the target audience but gives an overview of the Foundation and how we support food science in the Chicagoland area.

In addition to the achievements above, the Marketing Committee interviewed and congratulated the 2020 Scholarship Winners when the in-person meeting was cancelled. This was a meaningful presentation for these students and resulted in student biographies that are shared on the CFSF website.

A big thank you to committee members Maddie, Melissa, Nique, and Alice for their efforts with our scholarship recipients.



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