



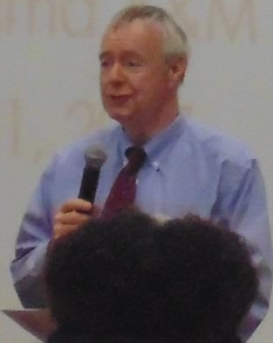
*Tuskegee University, Food Product Development Team
(L to R: Azizza Robinson, Lillie Franklin, Ashley Barboza, Jasmine Gates & Chelsea Greer), Placed 3rd.
IFT South Easter Section (SEIFT) Spring Meeting, Student Recognition & Competition at Alabama A&M University, April 11, 2017.*

Institute of Food Technologists South Eastern Section

Student Recognition Meeting

Alabama A&M University

April 11, 2017



Dr. Kirk Kealey, UGA, SEIFT Immediate Past President, welcomes the event attendees.
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Dr. Llyod Walker, Dean, CALNS, Alabama A&M, welcomes the event attendees.

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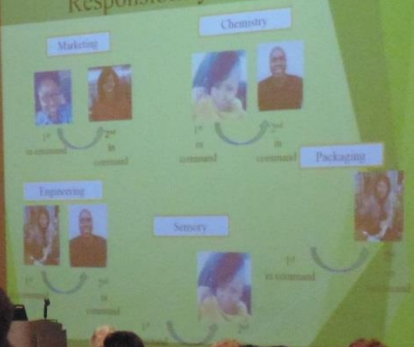
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Dr. Adelia Benjamin, Tuskegee University, the Food Product Development Competition Coordinator, addresses the participants. IFT South Eastern Section (SEIFT) Spring Meeting, Student Recognition & Competition at Alabama A&M University, April 11, 2017.



Responsibility Matrix



Food Product Development competition: Presentation
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Chaco Spices

Alabama A&M University

Nigel Chimbetele, Camara Blasingame, Jasmine Johnson,
Lillian Smith, Moonsun Yang

Buffalo Cauliflower Bites

Clemson University

Shannon Mahoney, Elena Gaidousek, Delaney Greiner,
Emma Denk, Ben Howard

Chia Seed Snow Cake

University of Georgia, Griffin Team

Team Leader: Yumin Xu

Team Members: Yue Cui, Shangci Wang, Da Liu

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY
PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TEAM
PRESENTS

Sweet Pot'asty Pops
sweet potato non-dairy frozen dessert



Azziza Robinson
Chelsea Greer
Lillie Franklin
Jasmine Gates
Ashley Barboza

Some Food Products presented by Teams from different Universities: Alabama A&M, Clemson, UGA and Tuskegee.
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Martha Verghese, host, SEIFT past President, thanks the attendees and student competitors.

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Jasmine Gates, received the Tuskegee University Undergraduate Leadership Award 2017.
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Laura Mena, received the Tuskegee University Graduate Leadership Award 2017.

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*Tuskegee University, Product Development team, receives a check for the 3rd Place prize.
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FOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

LESSONS LEARNED & OPPORTUNITIES FROM INDUSTRY

Renee Mellican
TreeHouse Foods
IFT-SE 4.11.17



*Dr. Renee Mellican, Director Regulatory Affairs, TreeHouse Foods, spoke about experiences in Food Product Development
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South Eastern Section
Institute of Food Technologists

The South Eastern Section of the Institute of Food Technologists invites you to our Spring Meeting on April 11, 2017

We are sponsoring a
Product Development Competition & Student Recognition Night

The registration deadline has been extended to Sunday April 9th at 5 p.m.

We are asking that everyone planning to attend should register so we can order enough food.

Who should register?:

- Students competing in the product development event,
- students being recognized (free ticket),
- members & nonmembers attending,
- judges (free ticket)

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
at Alabama A&M University
Department of Food and Animal Sciences
Agricultural Research Center (ARC) Auditorium
4900 Meridian Street
Huntsville, AL 35762

Agenda

12:30-01:00 PM	Registration
01:00-01:30 PM	Introduction and Welcome- Dr. Kirk Kealey and Dr. Lloyd T. Walker (Dean, CALNS, AAMU)
01:30-04:00 PM	Overview of the Product Development (PD) competition (Dr. Benjamin) and PD competition (4 universities). Refreshments will be served (courtesy of the the South Eastern Section IFT)
04:00-05:00 PM	Tour of facilities, social hour and judges tabulate scores
05:00-05:45 PM	Dinner
05:45-07:00 PM	Dr. Renee Mellican will speak on the topic of <i>"Food Product Development – Lessons Learned and Opportunities from Industry"</i> Awards: Outstanding students from universities in our section and Product Development Competition Winners Closing comments -Dr. Kirk Kealey



The IFT Board approved this multi-year initiative in order to support Section leaders in furthering IFT's mission. The Board recognizes that Sections play a vital role in engaging members through their ability to provide local networking and educational programs to members and potential members. The IFT Section Lecture Series Program is designed to enhance the Section's ability to offer lectureship programs, increase local member involvement and showcase top IFT speakers. Our section will receive a grant of \$1,100 to offset speaker honorariums and travel costs.

Our IFT Section Lecture Series guest lecturer is Renee I. Mellican, Ph.D.



Renee Mellican is currently the Director of the Regulatory Affairs team at TreeHouse Foods, the largest private label manufacturer of food products in North America. In addition to keeping up with changing regulations and consumer perceptions of food ingredients, Renee's team manages programs such as Organic, Non-GMO, Kosher and Halal certifications, as well as responsibly-sourced ingredients, such as palm oil, coffee, tea and cocoa. This team also works with retailers on consumer questions and compliance strategies.

Prior to joining TreeHouse Foods in 2016, Renée was Director of Product Development for ConAgra Foods, where daily responsibilities included new product development, cost savings, process engineering and nutritional improvements for ConAgra's grocery products. Renée also worked for PepsiCo in both product development and nutrition roles in Tropicana and Quaker businesses. Renée started her professional career at the Procter & Gamble Company in Food & Beverage Technology Development, where she worked with UNICEF and other NGO's to develop nutritional products for malnourished children all over the world. Renée has earned 13 patents related to food and beverage products.

Renée received a master's degree and Ph.D. in Food Science from Purdue University and a bachelor's degree in Food Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Renee received the Outstanding Food Science Alumni Award from Purdue University in 2011. Renee is also active in the Institute of Food Technologists, serving in regional leadership roles as well as awards juries for the Annual IFT Awards for many years. Renee is on the Board of Directors of Kids Can, an organization that supports children and seniors with limited income in the Omaha area.