Central New Jersey IFT HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING

Telling the “Why” of Food Safety
Mitzi D. Baum, CEO – Stop Foodborne Illness
Lauren Bush, Co-Chair & Advocate - Stop Foodborne Illness
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Cranbury Inn
21 South Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512
Networking 5:00 pm | Speaker 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

Join us at our CNJIFT Holiday dinner meeting where Ms. Mitzi Baum will inform the attendees about Stop Foodborne Illness (www.stopfoodborneillness.org) a nonprofit, public health organization dedicated to the prevention of illness and death from foodborne pathogens. You will hear about how this organization began and the impact they have had on the food industry. Ms. Baum will also discuss how they plan to continue to make an impact and which areas their work will be focused on in the future. Additionally, you will meet Ms. Lauren Bush; she is a survivor of the 2006 E.coli outbreak due to spinach. Ms. Bush will be telling her personal story of contracting hemorrhagic E.coli O157:H7 and how it impacted her life in the short and long term.

About Our Speakers . . .

Ms. Mitzi Baum joined the team at Stop Foodborne Illness as the Chief Executive Officer in May 2019. She is motivated by the mission to create a new strategy for Stop and its constituency that will drive change through advocacy, collaboration and innovation. Prior to beginning her tenure at Stop Foodborne Illness, Ms. Baum cultivated a 23-year career at Feeding America beginning as a network services representative rising to the senior level position of managing director of food safety. As managing director of food safety, Ms. Baum guided the continued development of food safety initiatives including development and execution of the food safety strategic plan; oversight of third-party food safety audit program; food safety educational summits; development of food safety resources; and coordination with donors and regulatory agencies to support food donations. Prior to her career with Feeding America, she managed restaurants for the Peasant Restaurant Co. in Atlanta, Funky’s Restaurants in Cincinnati, and Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises in Chicago.

Ms. Baum holds a Master of Science in Food Safety and a certificate in Food Law from Michigan State University. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. She has earned certificates in Non-Profit Management from the University of Chicago, Quality Management from DePaul University and Food Safety Management from Cornell University. She is a certified seafood HACCP instructor and is a certified PCQI (Preventive Controls Qualified Individual). Ms. Baum is a member of the International Association of Food Protection, the Conference for Food Protection and the Association of Food and Drug Officials.

Ms. Lauren Bush, who is Co-Chair with Michael Taylor on the Stop Foodborne Illness Board, has lobbied passionately for increased consumer protections at the state and federal levels. She is driven to affect change for all consumers, and was honored by the Pew Charitable Trusts for her efforts to advocate for the passage of the Food Safety Modernization Act. Currently, Ms. Bush is the Manager of Government and Community Affairs at the New York Public Library, working on policy and collaborative city partnerships helping millions of New Yorkers gain access to resources. She last served as Chief Operating Officer of a million member PAC, the Progressive Change Campaign Committee where she oversaw all operations, human resources, and compliance. As a fellow of Senator Gillibrand, she served on the event planning team for the inaugural Women’s Economic Empowerment Summit. Ms. Bush received her M.P.A. in public policy analysis from New York University and a B.A. in art history from the University of Kentucky.

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CNJIFT Holiday Dinner Meeting – TUESDAY, December 10, 2019
Cranbury Inn, 21 South Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

MEETING DETAILS (BUSINESS CASUAL)

Networking 5:00 PM
Speaker 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM

Advance Reservations Until Friday, 12/6
$55 - NY/CNJ IFT Members
$60 – Nonmembers
$30 - Student, Unemployed, Retired Members

After Noon on Friday, 12/6
$60 - NY/CNJIFT Members & Nonmembers
$40 - Student, Unemployed & Retired Members
$60 At the Door if Available

DINNER
Crudité (during networking)
Caesar Salad
Entrée Choose upon Check-in
Filet Mignon
Chicken Francese
Seared Salmon
Served with Vegetable & Potato
Dessert
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf

Consider Sponsorship!
Gold $300 ● Silver $200 ● Bronze $100

An appreciation sign will be displayed at the CNJIFT Holiday Dinner Meeting. Should your company wish to sponsor, Contact Gerri (Tel: 201.905.0090)
Email: nyiftoffice@optonline.net
no later than Friday, December 6

In order to avoid being billed as a No Show your cancellation must be received by
12 NOON Monday, December 9
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REGISTER before Noon on Friday, December 6 and save up to $10

Make your reservations by:

1. Complete the reservation form online at https://nyift.org/events/cnjift-dinner-meetings/. You will have the option to pay at the time of reservation by credit card. Payment may also be made at the door by CASH, CHECK, or CREDIT CARD. OR

2. Telephone at 201-905-0090 or email at nyiftoffice@optonline.net. Please leave or email your name, company name, email address and telephone number. You will receive an email confirmation. The day prior to the meeting you will receive a link to pay by credit card. You may pay with Cash, Check or Credit Card at the door.

Directions to Cranbury Inn
21 South Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512
Visit their website at http://thecranburyinn.com/ for a map and directions

Thank you to Star Kay White for donating their famous Chocolate Covered Almonds for door prizes at the November meeting!

Bring a door prize to a meeting and we will recognize your company in our newsletter. Door prizes with your company logo on the merchandise are welcome!

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**2020 UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Thursday**
**January 16**
NYIFT Dinner Meeting
Trends
Lynn Dornblaser – Mintel
Highlawn Pavilion – West Orange, NJ

**Wednesday**
Student Night
February 12
The Heldrich – New Brunswick, NJ

**Wednesday**
NYIFT Suppliers Day & Career Fair
March 25
Meadowlands Expo – Secaucus, NJ

**Saturday**
2020 Hockey Game
March 28
NJ Devils vs. Philadelphia Flyers - Game Starts at 2:00 pm
Prudential Center – Newark, NJ

April TBD
CNJIFT Dinner Meeting

April TBD
Joint NYIFT Nutmeg meeting at Pepsico

May TBD
CNJIFT Dinner Meeting

**Monday**
CNJIFT Golf Outing
June 1
Cranbury Golf Club – Cranbury, NJ

July 12-15
IFT 2020 – Chicago, IL - Details at https://www.iftevent.org/

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON SPEAKER AND VENUE AVAILABILITY

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**Long Island IFT Holiday Dinner Meeting**

**Monday, December 9, 2019**

Inn at New Hyde Park, 214 Jericho Tpk, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
6:00 pm Cash Bar, Networking | 7:00 pm Dinner & More Fun

The Long Island Section IFT invites you to their holiday dinner meeting on **Monday, December 9**. Enjoy an evening of holiday cheer with your friends and colleagues. There will be gifts for all and a mixologist to keep the party going. Details can be found at https://nyift.org/long-island-ift-dinner-meetings/ or on their website at www.longislandift.org. **For reservations contact** Carol Zamojcin at telephone 516-352-5772 or by email at cazamojcin@aol.com.

NYIFT members are invited to attend the SACI Holiday Party and Dinner Dance on **Thursday, December 12, 2019** at The Highlawn Pavilion in West Orange, NJ. The beautiful Highlawn Pavilion offers a taste of its award-winning cuisine for you and your guests to enjoy along with a spectacular view of the New York City Skyline. Cocktails and Hors D’oeuvres start at 6 p.m. followed by dinner, dessert, music and dancing until 11 p.m. Multiple raffles will be held during the evening. Book Tables of 8-10 early for Premium Window Seating. Price is $175/person. Registration forms can be found at www.sacionline.com.
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Any company that conducts research (or has a summer internship program for college students) knows how expensive it is to run such a program. However, for an investment of $350 to become a Corporate Sponsor of NYIFT, one of the Section’s Corporate Sponsors was able to have a student do a 10-week research project in Cornell University’s Department of Food Science with a Summer Scholar in 2018. The NYIFT Section has supported a scholarship for the Cornell Summer Scholars program for the last several years.

The overall goals of the Cornell internship program are to:
- recruit and retain students representing traditionally underrepresented minorities in food science;
- recruit students from related disciplines into food science;
- provide experiential learning opportunities in food science for undergraduate students;
- recruit students into advanced degree programs in food science;
- train a cadre of future leaders in food science.

The Department approached our Section several years ago and asked: “Does any Corporate Sponsor have a research project that might be suitable for one of our summer scholars to work on in return for the financial support that the Section is giving to our program?” In 2018, we had one such company step forward with an idea for a potential research project. After several discussions with the administrator of the Summer Scholars Program, faculty at Cornell, and members of the company, as well as signing of Confidentiality Agreements, a student worked on such a project for 10 weeks.

The Company (who requested anonymity) was in contact with the student and his/her professor over the summer to provide additional guidance and answer any questions that arose. They also arranged a face to face meeting at the IFT Annual Meeting in Chicago and sat in (via phone) on the student’s final presentation at the end of the Summer Scholars Program. Comments from the Corporate Sponsor about the benefits of being a Corporate Sponsor and having a research project conducted by a Cornell Summer Scholar, included “providing our R&D team with a good review of options for natural antimicrobial acids. This evaluation at Cornell helped provide us with direction on which natural compounds would provide the best performance while maintaining desired sensory attributes. The Summer Scholar program helped us advance our research in the area of clean label acidulants and antimicrobials.”

Areas of specialization in the Department of Food Science include, but are not limited to: dairy fermentation; wine making; emulsion technology; physiology and sensory science; sensory perception and olfaction; yeast biology and wine microbiology; biomaterials in food and agriculture; improving food safety and quality; food engineering; wine flavor and science; beer quality, hop chemistry and fermentation; food and dairy processing; rapid detection of pathogens; biosensors.

The Department of Food Science at Cornell will not work on any project that is hemp or CBD related as part of the Summer Scholars program.

There are many additional benefits of becoming a Corporate Sponsor (including, but not limited to):
- $100 discount per booth and premium booth placement at NYIFT’s Suppliers’ Day
- Complimentary employment advertising – a savings of $200 per ad per month!
- Your company name publicized in each issue of the NYIFT newsletter
- Publicity and recognition of your commitment to the food industry throughout the year
- Receipt of a full list of Suppliers’ Day participants with their name, company and contact information shortly after Suppliers’ Day.

With the added benefit of potentially having a research project worked on by a Cornell Summer Scholar, please consider becoming a NYIFT Corporate Sponsor today -- your investment will help support your research and help train the food scientists of the future. The deadline for submission of a project proposal is Friday, February 21, 2020; no exceptions.

For additional information about the Cornell Summer Scholars Program, or how to submit a potential project, please contact Leslie Herzog (leslieherzog@theuandigroup.com).

For additional information about becoming a Corporate Sponsor contact
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This year, the Rutgers Undergraduate Food Science Club (UFSC) has organized many events for students that promote professional growth, as well as a cooperative learning environment. Recently, the UFSC has been successfully encouraging students to attend the local NYIFT/CNJIFT dinner meetings to gain valuable skills of interpersonal communication in a professional environment. Many undergraduates have also joined the IFTSA product development teams in order to gain technical problem solving, marketing, and team building skills that can be applied to real situations in the food industry that scientists encounter every day. These competitions are held with high spirits among the undergraduates as an opportunity to show their creativity and innovation skills in food systems. Apart from product development competitions, students are training to compete in this year’s college bowl competition at the North Atlantic Area meeting in March 2020 by challenging each other’s knowledge of food science trivia on a weekly basis.

Within the first few months of the academic year, we’ve had multiple networking and professional development events. In October, both the UFSC and the Food Science Graduate Student Association co-hosted an alumni mixer that exposed many students to individuals in the food industry with direct ties to Rutgers. At this event, a panel of professionals advised students on networking etiquette when seeking new connections in their careers. The Undergraduate club had also hosted a resume building and “elevator pitch” workshop to inform students how to introduce and conduct themselves in a professional manner. Students also had the fun opportunity to go on a field trip to the Valley Shepherd Creamery where they received a tour of a cheese aging cave and processing facility. The next trip we are looking forward to in late-November is to both the Museum of Food and Drink, and the Smorgasburg Food Market, in Brooklyn.

The Rutgers Undergraduate Food Science Club will continue to strive to provide professional development opportunities by both encouraging NY/CNJ IFT involvement and offering networking opportunities at Rutgers University. Additionally, the club will continue to offer engaging events and trips in order to maintain a fun, relaxing learning space where students can connect with each other outside the classroom.

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**2020 NYIFT SUPPLIERS DAY & CAREER FAIR**

Technical Seminar: CBD & Hemp in Edibles: 2020 & Beyond  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**  
Meadowlands Expo Center – Secaucus, NJ

FREE TO ATTEND EXPO  
CORPORATE SPONSORS BOOTH DISCOUNT!  
Registration is open at www.nyift.org

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**SEIFT HOLDS GOLF OUTING & FOOD INDUSTRY EXPO AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GA**

Make plans to participate in the Southeast IFT Golf Outing and Supplier Night Expo on February 5 and 6, 2020. The event is being held at the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The venue is located 16 miles from downtown Atlanta and a 40-minute drive from Atlanta International Airport amidst the captivating Stone Mountain Park.

The event is free to attend. The technical seminar is entitled “Proteins Gone Wild”. Exhibitors can purchase a booth at www.southeasterntift.org. Complete details are online. For more information contact Gerri Cristantiello at seiftsection@gmail.com
NYIFT ANNUAL HOCKEY GAME

Saturday, March 28, 2020
Philadelphia Flyers vs. New Jersey Devils

Purchase your Tickets Today! Open to members and nonmembers; invite your family, friends and colleagues to join you! The game will take place as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, March 28, 2020
Game starts at 2:00 p.m.

WHO: Philadelphia Flyers vs. New Jersey Devils

WHERE: Prudential Center, Newark, NJ

COST: $70 per seat

A limited number of tickets have been purchased in Sections 120 (Rows 8-9), 121 (Row 8-9), and 122 (Rows 7-8). If you want to be part of the fun, please complete the following order form or contact Gerri Cristantiello at nyitoffice@optonline.net phone: 201-905-0090 or Adam Getzel at adam@citrasource.com. Tickets may also be purchased online at https://squareup.com/store/nyiftshop

NYIFT HOCKEY GAME – ORDER FORM
Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Philadelphia Flyers vs. New Jersey Devils
Game starts at 2:00 pm

To purchase tickets, complete and mail this order form with your check payable to NYIFT and mail to: NYIFT, P.O. Box 138, Cresskill, NJ 07626. OR

Tickets may also be purchased via a credit card online at https://squareup.com/store/nyiftshop

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Tickets are in Sections 120, 121, and 122. Cost is $70 each.
I would like to order ________ tickets at $70 each.

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When we have access to the tickets we will communicate with you on how to proceed.
The New York Institute of Food Technologists (NYIFT) is proud to announce its 2019 - 2020 Student Awards Program. The NYIFT along with its Central New Jersey subsection will again sponsor scholarship awards at the local level and through the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT). Additionally, a Poster Competition for exhibit at Student Night will be held. These awards represent the NYIFT's commitment to the growth of up and coming Food Scientists. The programs are outlined below.

We'd like to take this opportunity to encourage you to participate in these programs and wish those who do GOOD LUCK! These scholarships are only a small part of what the NYIFT and its Central New Jersey subsection have to offer. To gain a better understanding about the Food Industry and to meet professionals involved in the industry, all you have to do is to attend the monthly meetings. The cost to you is your time and a nominal (subsidized) cost for your meal. The rewards are truly immeasurable! We hope to see you at meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carol BoNey, Awards Committee Chair at dboneysr@aol.com.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT WWW.NYIFT.ORG

IFT SCHOLARSHIP
The NYIFT sponsors one Graduate ($1,500) and two Undergraduate ($1,000 each) IFT Scholarships. Information can be found at https://nyift.org/student-scholarships/.

NYIFT SCHOLARSHIPS
The NYIFT Scholarship Program will seek to award six Scholarships (Graduate Scholarships are $1,500 each and Undergraduate Scholarships are $1,000 each). Scholarship application forms for the NYIFT Scholarships are available for students online at www.nyift.org/student-scholarships/. The filing deadline is January 10, 2020. Interviews and judging will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020. In the event of inclement weather, judging will take place on Friday, January 31, 2020.

To be eligible for one of these scholarships, the prospective student must:

- have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- be enrolled in an IFT accredited Food Science Program
- have paid his/her IFT and New York Section membership dues for 2019-2020

The Scholarships are awarded to those academically qualified students who are selected by the Awards Committee following personal interviews. Awards will be presented at "Student Night" at the NYIFT February 12, 2020 meeting, and recipients attend as guests of NYIFT. Previous recipients are encouraged to continue their participation in the Scholarship Program.

POSTER COMPETITION
As part of the "Student Night" Program, interested students are encouraged to present their research. Poster presentations will be judged by the Awards Committee prior to Student Night. Monetary awards ($500 - first place, $300 - second place and $200 - third place) will be presented to the top three presenters at the Student Night Meeting on February 12, 2020. All students participating in the Poster presentation at the February meeting are invited to attend the dinner that follows, free of charge. Filing deadline for the poster abstracts is January 31, 2020. Poster Judging will be held on the afternoon of Student Night (February 12).

All reasonable material costs associated with preparation of the posters will be reimbursed by the NYIFT. Reimbursement of expenses will be handled through the Food Science Club. Receipts for poster suppliers are required.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR A DEPENDENT OF NYIFT MEMBER
The NYIFT awards one scholarship to a dependent of a NYIFT member. Applications must be received by the deadline of December 2, 2019. The application is available online at www.nyift.org/student-scholarships/.
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Corporate Sponsors of the NY/CNJ IFT can place a POSITION AVAILABLE ad at no charge. The fee to post a POSITION AVAILABLE ad, if your company IS NOT a NY/CNJIFT Corporate Sponsor, is $200 per ad, per month. To become a Corporate Sponsor contact Gerri Cristantiello, NYIFT Office at 201-905-0090.

NOTE: Positions will be removed after 3 months unless you contact NYIFT to continue to have your posting listed.

A-1026 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is seeking an Executive Director of the Rutgers Food Innovation Centers. The Executive Director provides administrative oversight and strategic direction for the Rutgers Food Innovation Center – South, and the Rutgers Food Innovation Center – North. This position leads integration efforts between these Centers and creates/implements a program that leads to statewide, national and global outreach. This position also develops and implements new services that further expands the impacts of these programs to the food industry, and results in a food industry cluster that becomes a global model for regional economic development. Complete details and information about the Rutgers FIC can be seen on their website at http://foodinnovation.rutgers.edu/.

Further information about this position, and the online-only application process, can be found at this link http://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/103844-10/19

A-1025 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST – Ampak Company, Inc. is looking for a candidate to join their dynamic team as a Regulatory Compliance Specialist. Position requires individual to be a self-starter, organized, highly motivated and attentive to detail. This person must possess a professional and positive demeanor as they will be interacting with respected clientele and will be supporting the Director of Regulatory. The Regulatory Compliance Specialist will perform diverse document management duties requiring confidentiality, initiative, sound judgment and analytical ability. Candidate should be competent at a variety of administrative responsibilities and must have knowledge of MS Office Applications (Word, Excel, Outlook). A Bachelor’s degree in Food Science or scientific discipline is required and 3 to 5 years of experience in a similar position. https://nyift.org/career-center/positions-available/ for complete details. To apply send your resume and cover letter/email to sbrewer@ampakcompany.com. Job Location: Larchmont, NY - 9/19

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Or the NYIFT Office at nyiftoffice@optonline.net or (201) 905-0900.

Visit our website at [www.nyift.org](http://www.nyift.org) for calendar of meetings and events.