



# Louisiana Gulf Coast Section IFT

## Greetings from the Chair-Elect

As we end the academic year and reflect on the Gulf Coast IFT meetings, it was an exciting year with diverse and stimulating programs. Our programs included a presentation on Kosher and Halal foods by Dr. Joe Regenstein, a tour of Pontchartrain Vineyards, and be a tour of the Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans. Those who attended were able to learn about the research programs going on at the center, see the renovations in the laboratories, and explore new opportunities for collaborations.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know of things going on in the Department

of Food Science. First, I would like to congratulate our food science students, Madalyn Thibodeaux, Amy Jones, and Lyndsey White, who placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the Research Chefs Association student competition in Seattle. Also, we are in the process of adding several exciting new programs of study. The first is a new pre-med program and the second is a new Culinary program in conjunction with Nicholls State University.

We have a few students who are seeking internships for the summer. If you can provide an internship please, let us know.

Our final meeting will be the

annual crawfish boil and student awards ceremony. The meeting will take place here on the LSU Campus at the Department of Food Science, with student presentations to follow at Tureaud Hall.

As most of you are aware, the annual IFT meeting will be held in New Orleans June 28 to July 1, 2008. This meeting will provide an opportunity for all of our membership to attend the annual meeting and visit the Expo.

Sincerely,

John W. Finley  
Chair-Elect



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## Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position of IFT, nor the Regional Section and should not be interpreted as such.

IFT accepts and adopts the concept of diversity which views society as a mixture of all backgrounds each with a unique contribution. IFT

seeks to retain and celebrate individual differences and therefore will not discriminate based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, disability or veteran status.



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## Gulf Coast IFT Participates in the Louisiana Science and Engineering Fair

Members of the Louisiana Gulf Coast IFT participated in judging the Louisiana Science and Engineering Fair held on the LSU campus on April 7, 2008. High school and middle school students from across the state participated in this event. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place were given for the best food science project in the senior and junior level.



### Senior Group

1st	Dashiell N. Wasserman	The Effect of Temperature on Blue and Green Aflatoxin (B1, B2, G1, G2) Synthesis by <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> Cultured Using Yeast Extract Sucrose Media
2nd	Michael S. Dai	Antibacterial Effect of Triclosan on <i>E. Coli</i>
3rd	Rachel A Rhodes	Can Extra Flavor Keep You Healthy?
3rd	James A. Young	Extracting Apple Juice with Pectinase

### Junior Group

1st	Lauren Hampton	Controlling Bacteria Contamination on Cutting Boards
2nd	Nakia Graham	Pineapple Paradise
3rd	Christopher Simmons	Does Color Affect Taste Preference?
3rd	Victoria Bessonnet	Something's Fishy



## New IFT Services Directory

IFT has posted the only specialized directory of companies, consultants, and laboratories that provide food industry services on a contract or fee basis. The 2008 *Services Directory* was published in the March 2008 issue of Food Technology magazine



## Join IFT to Give Back to New Orleans

IFT and Second Harvest of New Orleans and Acadiana have partnered together to help fight hunger in South Louisiana. A variety of volunteer opportunities (Saturday, June 28, or Wednesday, July 2) are planned that will benefit the New Orleans area.

If you are interested in volunteering, please select from three time slots throughout the week. Activi-

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If you are interested in volunteering for the IFT Annual Meeting in New Orleans, please contact Ashley Bond at [abond@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:abond@agcenter.lsu.edu). There are still volunteer opportunities available!

ties include: sorting grocery items, repacking donated food products, delivering food to needy families, and stuffing packs for school children at-risk of hunger.

Please join IFT and Second Harvest in helping to improve the lives of underserved New Orleans residents.





## Meeting Notice

April 23, 2008

5:30—7:30 p.m.

### **CRAWFISH BOIL**

### **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS & ELECTIONS**

Food Science Building  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

You are invited to bring your friends and family members

**Please reply by April 18!**

#### Meeting Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please		Cost
	Faculty	\$17.00
	Student	\$10.00
	Guest	\$10.00

Mail your registration & payment (cash or check) to:  
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### Meeting Notice

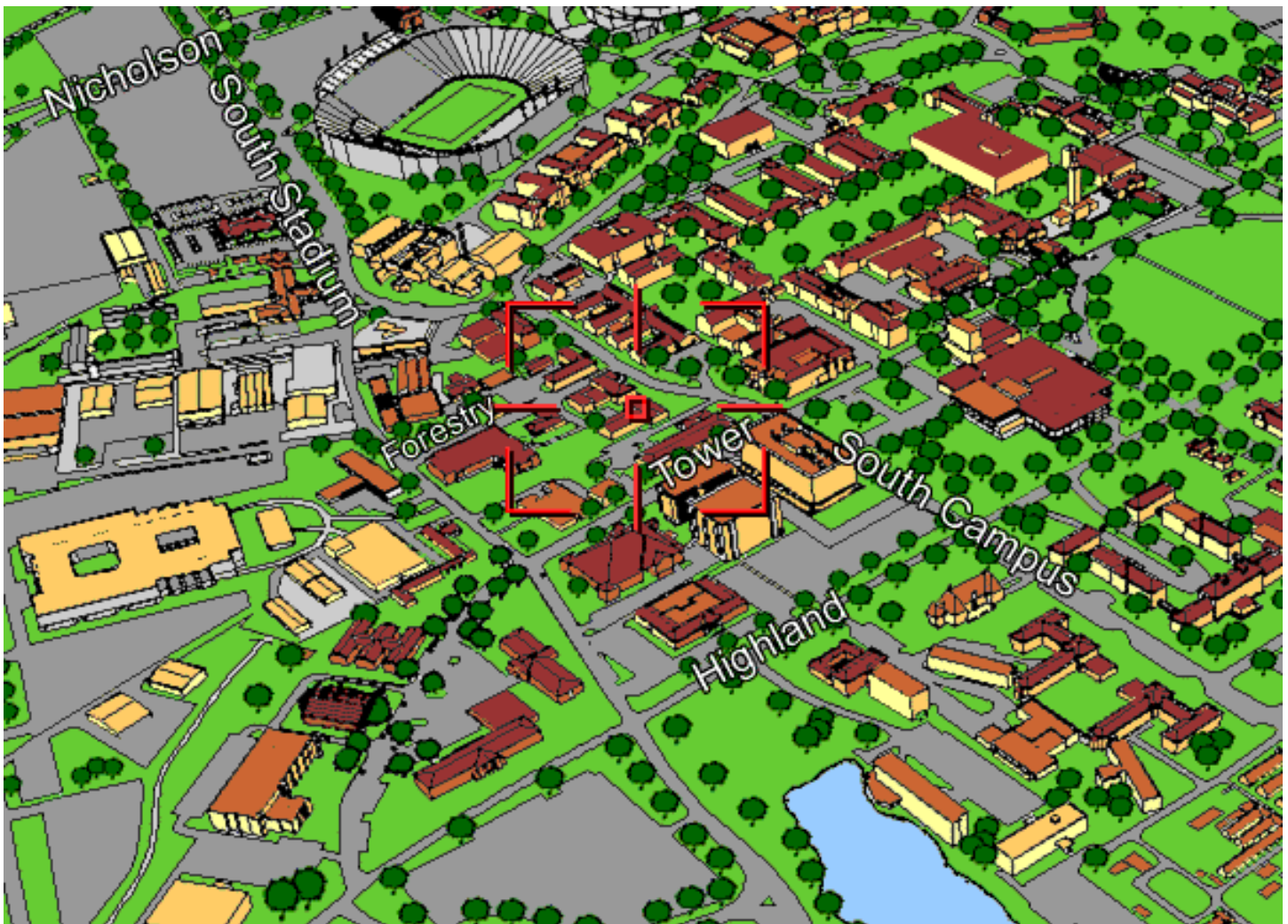
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# **URGENT**

## **ALL GCIFT MEMBERS**

We must have nominations for the 3 elected positions of Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer before the past Chair-Elect can develop a ballot for voting and determining our section leaders for next year.

**PLEASE** send all your nominations for these positions (yourself or other members to nominate) to  
Dr. Marlene Janes at  
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by April 15th!