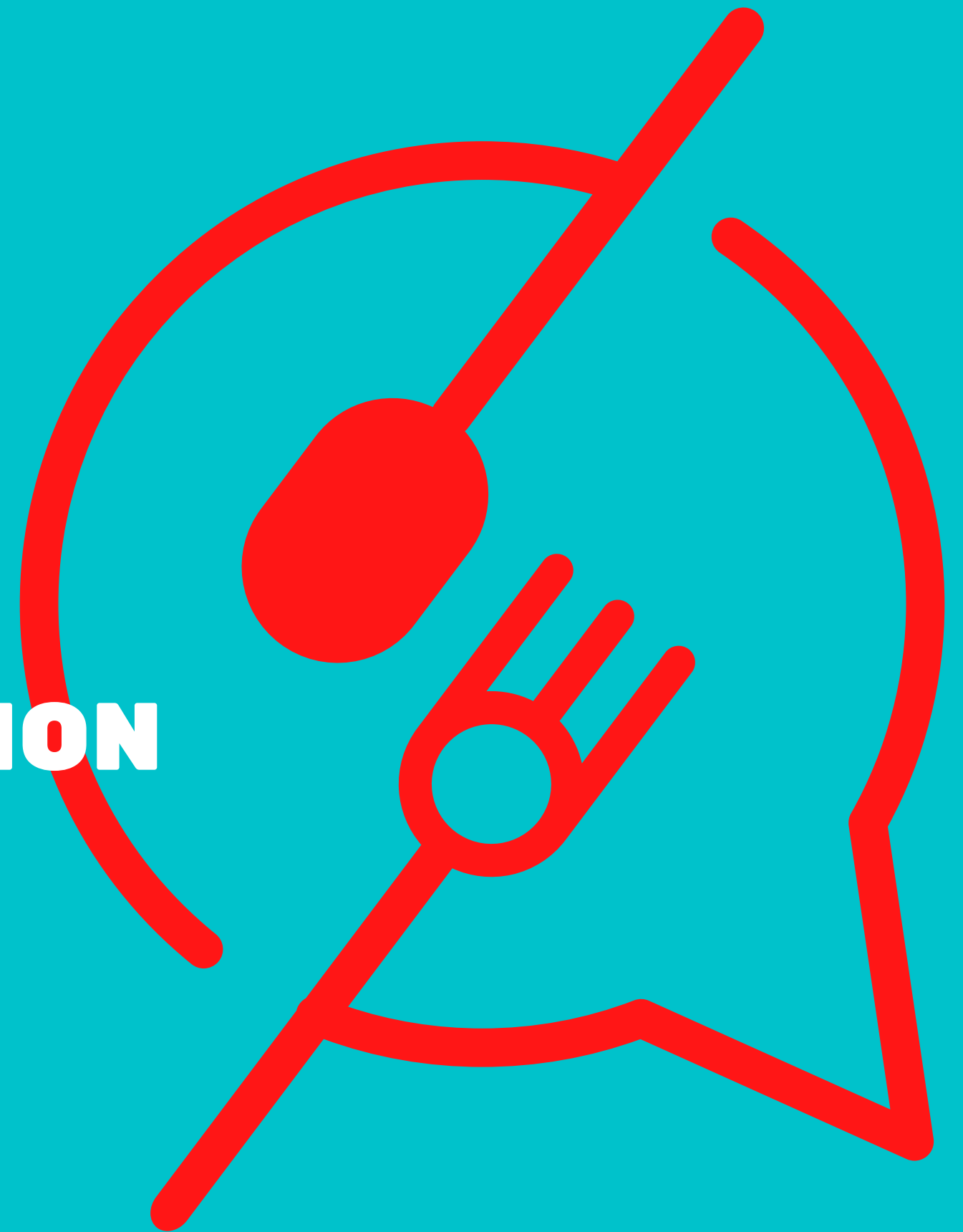


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GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER 2022-2023

Welcome New Students!



Meet our 2022-2023 Eboard!

Hi! My name is Akino Tomizawa, and I am currently pursuing an MBS, with a concentration in Food Science. I graduated with my B.S. in Food Science from Rutgers SEBS in 2021 and am currently employed at Robertet Groupe as a Food Technologist in the Flavor Applications Lab. I have always been passionate about food, and prior to majoring in Food Science, I worked in the restaurant/bakery industry as a pastry cook. My passions within the field include increasing awareness about Food Science as a career and participating in initiatives to support gender parity in STEM and the food industry. I also enjoy being an active member in IFT on the national and local level as it has helped me grow both personally and professionally.



President/IFT Chair



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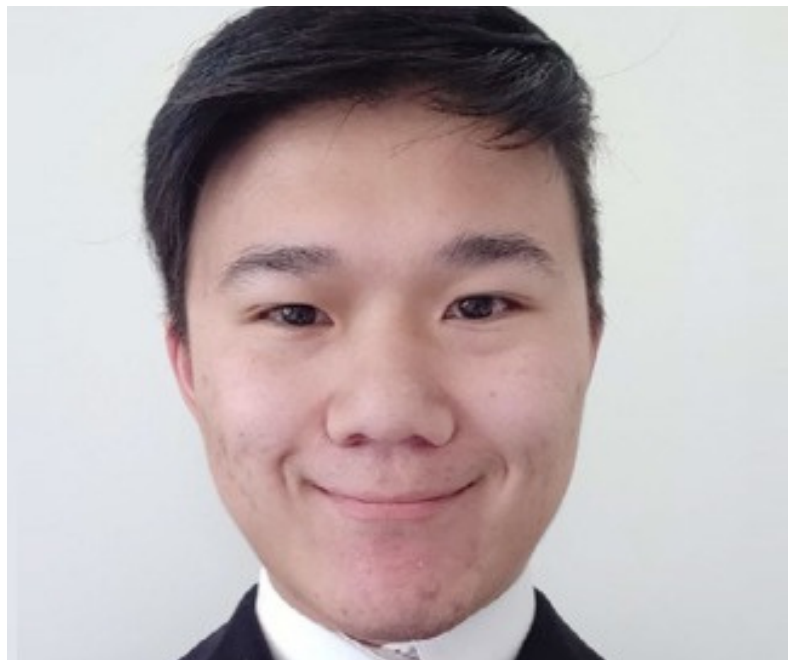
Hi! My name is Hayley Palmer. I am currently pursuing an MS, working in Dr. Roopchand's lab. My undergraduate degree is in Food Science from the University of California, Davis. I am passionate about food safety and quality. I have spent the last few years working in quality and regulatory roles in the food industry. This has given me the opportunity to learn about the importance of quality assurance and quality control in food processing. I plan to return to the industry when I graduate. In my free time I enjoy running, hiking, and spending time outside.

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Hi, my name is Katherine Dectis and I am in my second year pursuing an MS with thesis in Food Science. I obtained my BS in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Arizona and opted to pursue a formal training in food science in order to ultimately help create products for industry that are highly palatable, nutritious, and sustainable. I am conducting my Master's thesis in Dr. Tepper's Sensory Lab. I am working as an Associate Scientist at Nestle Health Science where I work on plant-based, RTD, complete nutrition beverages while I pursue my studies. In my free time I enjoy walks in nature with my husband and puppy as well as mixology, meal prepping, and reading.



Secretary



Treasurer

Hi! My name is Michael and I am pursuing a Masters working in Dr. Takhistov's lab. I completed my B.S. at Northeastern University in Chemistry. My current research is examining the physical and chemical properties of sweeteners to help researchers determine how sweetener substitution will affect taste and mouthfeel in beverages. Having come from a different background, I understand it can be hard and overwhelming to understand all the resources GSA and IFT have to offer. I am hoping that I can provide a bridge between communities so that we can all make the most of our experiences here!

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Hello! My name is Maud Dias (she/her/hers), I am a second-year PhD student working in Dr. Tepper's Sensory Science Lab. My undergraduate degree is in chemistry from Reed College. I am originally from Los Angeles, California. I like to sew, knit, do puzzles, and play video games when I am not doing school. I am hoping to use the GSA to create a dialogue about mental, physical, and spiritual health during these intense times. The world of academia can be difficult, but hopefully, with friends and a sense of community, it will be better. I am passionate about creating a space for gender and ethnic minorities and queer folks. If you have any questions about the GSA, mental health resources, imposter syndrome, (low key chemistry too), or anything at all please feel free to contact me. Say hi to Wally, her cute pup and our unofficial mascot!



HUGS Chair



Hi, my name is Sandeep Patwalia, and I am currently pursuing my MBS degree in Global Food Technology and Innovation. I graduated with my undergraduate degree in Environmental Business Economics with a minor in Food Science. I am currently working as a Sensory Analyst in Fragrances, where I am learning a lot about how a product goes from the R&D process to the shelves in the market. I have a passion for business management, and I hope to gain enough industry experience that I can use to open my own business! I am happy to join GSA and cannot wait to connect with you all!

Social Media Chair

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GRIB Co-Chair

Hi! My name is Jeffrey Douyere and I am a first-year M.S. student in the food science program. I earned my B.A. in Biochemistry from Earlham College in 2021 and worked as a Food Safety Specialist at Ingredion. Currently, I am employed at Colgate as a Laboratory Technician and am also a member of Dr. Roopchand's lab. My research interests include functional foods and I would like to focus on altering the chemistry of existing foods and developing new products to improve food quality and human health. I am excited to join Rutgers Food Science GSA to connect with others in the food science community.



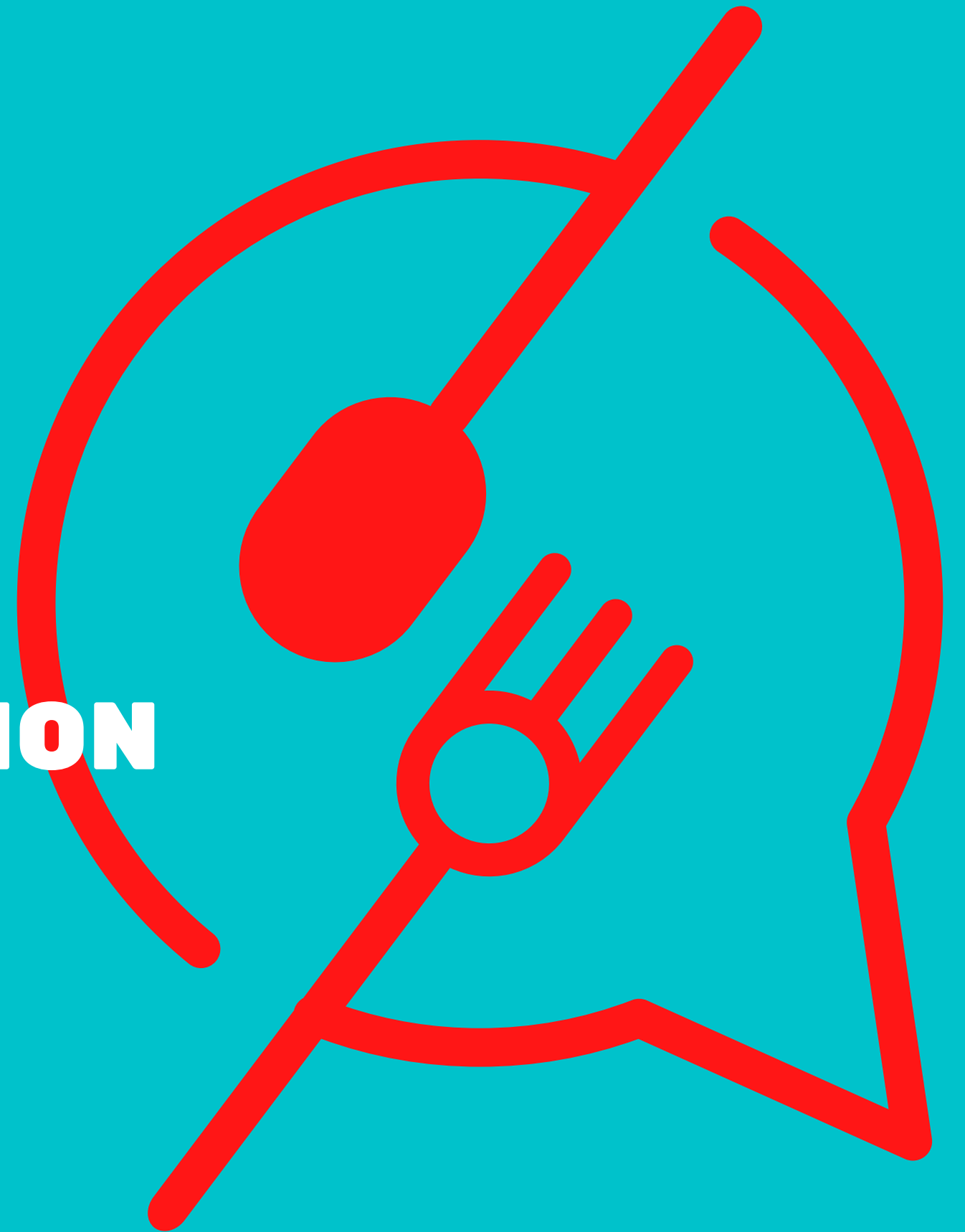
Yogini Gurav is a first year Food Science student. She obtained her bachelor's in Food Science from DY Patil University, Navi Mumbai. She is a member of Dr. Karwe's Lab and Dr. Schaffner's Lab. Currently she is working for the Food Microbiology Risk Reduction program and will be working on her thesis very soon. In her free time, she enjoys spending quality time with her friends or watching sit-coms!



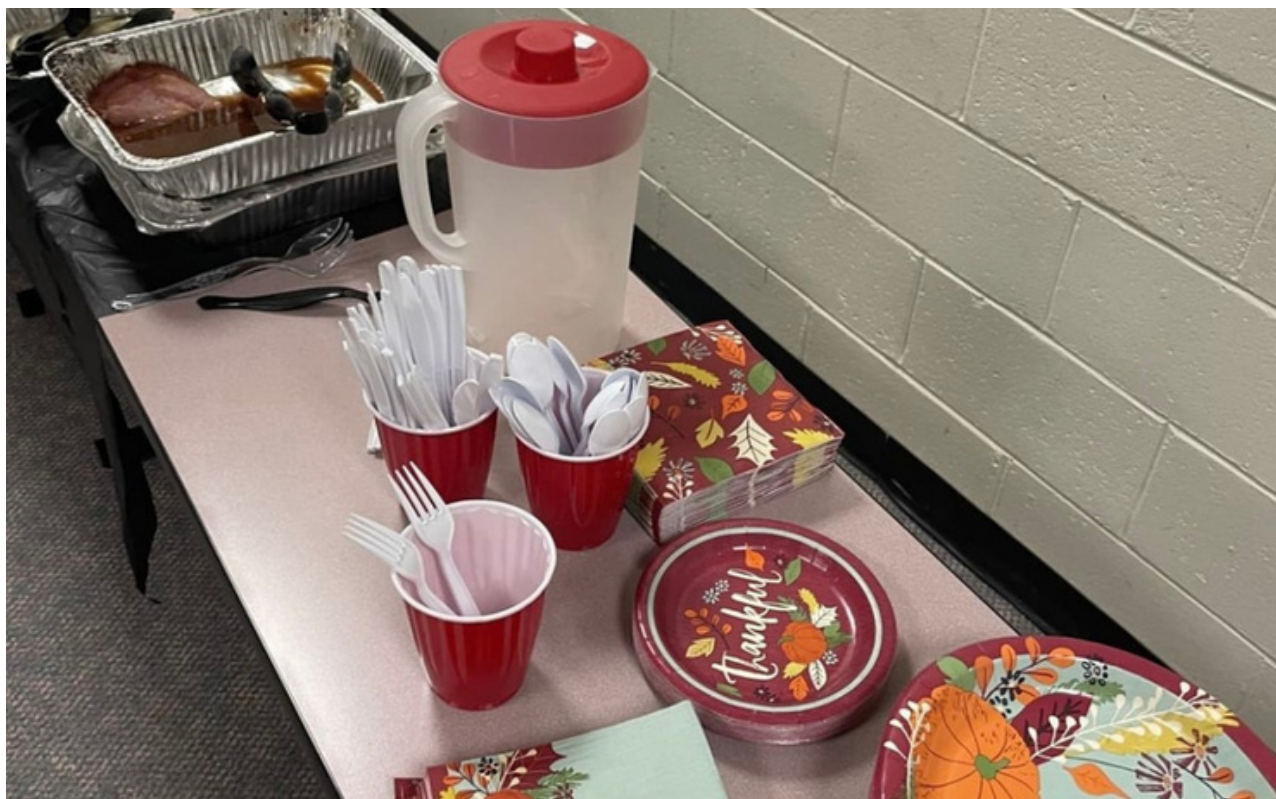
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Our Events

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION



Thanksgiving lunch



Pumpkin & Apple Picking

FALLING FOR THE
FALL SEASON





Holiday Party

GAMES, FOOD
AND CONVERSATIONS





Tea Time!

KEEP CHATTING
AND SNACKING



IFT

Institute of Food Technologists



Rutgers IFT Student Association Chapter

CAREER READINESS, NETWORKING, TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE, & FRIENDSHIP

IFT is the Professional organization for food scientists and IFTSA is the student association for future food scientists like us!

- **Graduate Student Scholarships**
- **Student product development competitions**
- **Academic College (Trivia) bowl to flex your inner food geek**
- **Opportunities to present your research at the annual IFT conference in Chicago**
- **Networking & leadership opportunities**
- **Numerous divisions to either specialize or diversify your Breadth of knowledge**
- **Exclusive internship opportunities**
- **Graduate Fellowships - Dr. Elwood f. Caldwell graduate fellowship**
- **And more!**





New York Section
Central New Jersey Subsection
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Connections to Food Industry Locals

MENTORSHIP, SUPPORT, & DINNER

- Monthly Dinner Meetings - students can attend for free via reimbursement and NY/CNJIFT will cover for your Uber/Lyft rideshare to meetings
- Technical Industry Speakers
- Student support through scholarships and opportunities to present research
- Mentorship and support by industry leaders
- Annual Student Night

Learn more about NY & CNJIFT
<https://nyift.org/>

NY/CNJIFT PRESENTS STUDENT NIGHT:
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2021, 4:30 - 6:45 PM

 **FUTURE FOOD SCIENTISTS:** 
AGENTS OF CHANGE



Nick Tarleton
Nick is a proud first-generation graduate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition. Nick is now a Data Manager, on the North America, R&D team at Kraft Heinz. He will speak on the importance of job shadows during fall/winter/spring breaks, discovering your strengths, leveraging internships and relationships/networking, and courses to find your passion.



Danielle Dos Santos
Danielle is an Associate Brand Manager for SKITTLES® and LIFESAVERS® at Mars Wrigley. Danielle is responsible for managing brand activities, tracking performance, and helping shape marketing strategy for the two iconic brands. She is a Rutgers Food Science alumni and is currently pursuing her Master's degree at the NYU Stern School of Business.



Steven Jeanty
Steven is a "modern farmer." His first experience began when he set out to create a network of community gardens in his hometown of West New York, NJ. His goal was to provide fresh, healthy produce to community members. He hopes to increase community involvement between senior citizens, and young adults within his diverse community. He is currently a senior undergraduate student studying Plant Science at Rutgers University.

FEATURING OUR YOUNG DISRUPTOR PANEL

Join us for an evening rooted in inspiration and empowerment featuring:

- 4:30 – 5:30 pm – Virtual Student Poster Presentations
- 5:30 – 6:00 pm – Awards Ceremony – Scholarship Awards and Poster Winners Announced
- 6:00 – 6:45 pm – Speakers Panel Presentation with Q&A Session

This year's student night will focus on the contributions of students to academic research, innovation and on how the future generation of food scientists can help shape a more diverse, inclusive, equitable, sustainable, and accessible food system. Together, as current students of food science and recent graduates, we hope to inspire and empower each other to ensure a brighter and innovative future.

In our interactive panel discussion, we will have the chance to learn about how young food/agriculture professionals and students are making waves. Whether you want to learn about the importance of agriculture and sustainability in food science, or how to navigate your career with purpose, this panel discussion is sure to leave you feeling empowered to innovate with empathy for humanity and mother nature and to be *Agents of Change*! With a strong academic background and the invaluable mentorship of industry professionals, the future is limitless!

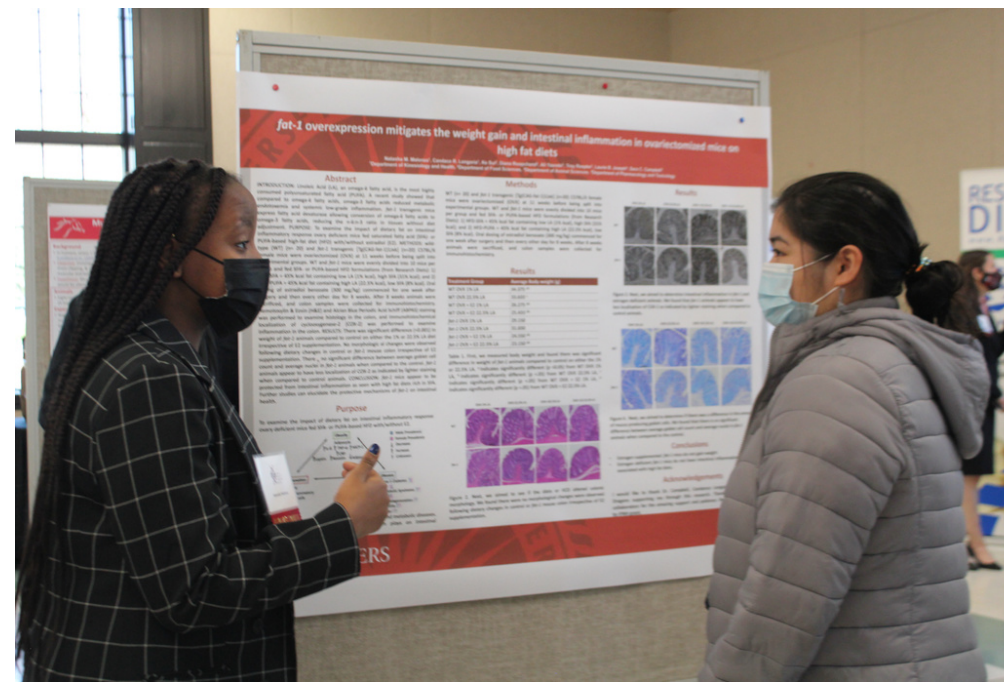
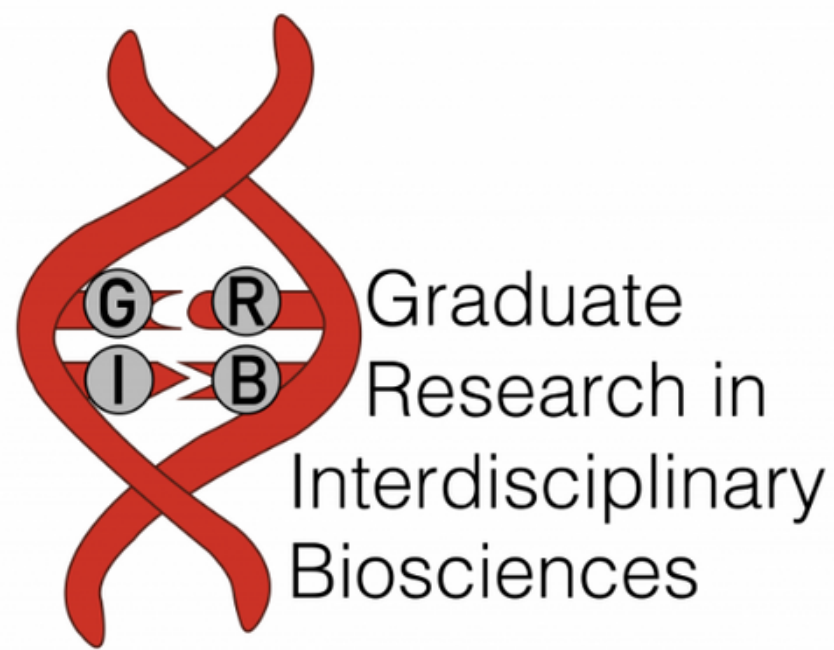
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Keeping it Local

GRIB

**Graduate Research in
Interdisciplinary Biosciences Annual
Conference**





GRIB 2022 Co-chairs & Planning Committee

Rutgers Food Science Department and GRIB

- The Food Science GSA has been involved with GRIB (formerly known as NEFS) for 9 years running
- The GRIB Conference planning committee is entirely composed of graduate students across a wide range of biosciences disciplines centered on the Cook/Douglass Campus
- GRIB conference was named #1 Graduate Student Event for the 2nd year in a row and features renowned guest speakers from academia and industry as well as a poster competition and the opportunity for grads to present their research live!
- The GRIB planning committee is a great opportunity to meet other students, gain leadership experience, and network with industry professionals



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