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## A Message from the Chair:



Many families, businesses and organizations have had to make really hard choices over the past few months as we have been faced with unprecedented circumstances. As you know, OVIFT made the hard decision to postpone the Supplier's Expo and Golf Outing until 2021. It was a difficult decision that we did not take lightly, as the Supplier's Expo is our biggest event and where we raise nearly all of our funding for the year. At the end of the day, we know it was the right thing to do for the safety and health of our members and the community.

Fortunately, we were still able to honor the students that applied for scholarships and entered the poster competition and award them for their dedication and hard work. Their work was impressive and we look forward to seeing what they will do for the future of food science.

We know that how we connect, meet and network will look different for quite some time. Our board is looking at our future events through this year in a new way. We'll adapt the events we offer to our members to respect everyone's health and safety but also find ways to keep you engaged and connected with others in our OVIFT community. If you have any ideas on way to connect virtually that you've seen others do and think would be great for our community, let us know! We'd love to hear your ideas.

Keep a lookout for the latest on our upcoming fall events as details for the September event should come soon. We really look forward to seeing you at next year's Top Golf Outing and Supplier's Expo. We are sad that we didn't get to connect this year but know that we will see you again soon. Until then, stay safe and well. Take care and thank you for your continued support of the Ohio Valley Section IFT.

Cheers,  
Amy Bethel  
OVIFT Chair 2019-2020

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## OVIFT Awards \$14,000 in Student Scholarships

Congratulations to this year's winners!

### Undergraduate:

Jenna Fryer \$2000

### Graduate:

Kathryn Williamson \$3000

Amy Andes \$3000

Ariel Garsow \$2000

Danica Berry \$2000

Danielle Voss \$2000

# OVIFT Hosts Student Research Night and Networking with CIFT

Thank you to everyone that joined OVIFT and the Center for Innovative Food Technology (CIFT) for our student research poster session and networking reception. OVIFT awarded \$14,500 in prizes for the winning research posters. Thank you to all the students who presented their research, and many thanks to the OVIFT and CIFT members that served as judges. It was an informative and fun night!

Congratulations to the poster competition winners:

### Undergraduate Winner

Jie Xu – 1st Place \$1,500

### Graduate Winners

Walaa Hussein – 1st Place \$3,000

Abigail Sommer – 2nd Place \$2,000

Maria Cotter – 3rd Place \$2,000

Emily Campbell – Finalist \$2,000

Ellia La – Finalist \$2,000

Amy Andes – Finalist \$2,000



OVIFT Chair Amy Bethel with graduate winner Walaa Hussein

## Members enjoy a night of virtual trivia

As social distancing and isolation quickly became the norm, OVIFT hosted a fun night of virtual "Quarantrivia".

Approximately 30 members and their friends and families signed on to Zoom to answer two rounds of pub-style food trivia. Questions ranged from guessing the 5 fruits legally required to be in fruit cocktail, to remembering which dessert was a favorite on The Golden Girls.

Congratulations to our winners: Kari Nowiski, Hunter Clayton, and Erica Boyd!



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## OVIFT Welcomes New Board Members

Congratulations to Sam Ventura and Elizabeth Morrow on their election to the OVIFT Board. Read more about Sam and Elizabeth below:

**Sam Ventura**, Nestle Quality Assurance Center Dublin

Sam unexpectedly found himself in the Food Safety world, but immediately loved the community and its dedication to their consumers. By joining the OVIFT board he is most excited to help further grow and promote this community, and to interact with like-minded people.

**Elizabeth Morrow**, Abbott Nutrition

Elizabeth Morrow is a Scientist in the Global Product Research group at Abbott Nutrition. Originally hailing from Minnesota, Elizabeth received her Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis in 2012 and PhD in Food Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2018. During her graduate studies, Elizabeth was an active member of UIUC's Food Science Graduate Student organization, serving in several leadership roles. As a new OVIFT Director at Large, she is looking forward to helping organize events to engage students and new food science professionals like herself.



## Member Activity and IFT News

OVIFT would like to celebrate the activity and accomplishments of our esteemed members. If you would like to submit a news item, contact Matt Teegarden at [teegarden.3@osu.edu](mailto:teegarden.3@osu.edu)

### OVIFT Member Hosts IFT Podcast



Matt Teegarden hosts the IFTNext Food Disruptors podcast, which aims to get the latest perspectives on a wide array of topics from some of the greatest minds in the science of food.

In light of the rapidly evolving situation under COVID-19, Matt

worked with IFT to develop several special episodes that discuss food manufacturing environments and consumer trends during this difficult time. He also recently interviewed April Rinne, the keynote speaker from SHIFT20.

[Click here to access episodes 18 - 22](#)

### OVIFT Members Blog for IFTSA

Several OVIFT members regularly contribute to the IFTSA blog, Science Meets Food. Check out some of their latest work on coffee, bacon, and burgers -- yum!



### Congratulations to IFT Award Winners

Congratulations to **Dr. Melvin Pascall** (Ohio State) who was recognized as an IFT Fellow this year.

Congratulations to all the students who presented research at SHIFT 20 and to the following students placed in the division competitions:

**Jennifer Janovick**, 1st place Carbohydrate Division  
**Maria Cotter**, 1st place Sensory & Consumer Sciences  
**Elliot Dhuey**, 2nd place Food Packaging  
**Ellia La**, 1st place Food Chemistry  
**Kathryn Williamson**, 2nd place Food Chemistry  
**Shuai Ren**, 3rd place Food Chemistry

