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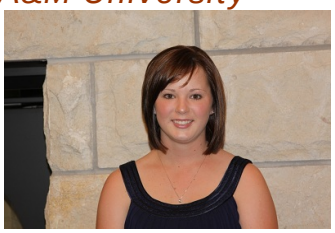
Summary of the AMSA Student Memberships Fall 2011 Activities

Article written by Carrie Highfill, Student Board President, Kansas State University

Since taking office in June, the AMSA Student Board of Directors has been working hard and been very productive in setting and working toward numerous goals. At the end of November, the student board met in Wichita, Kansas at Cargill Meat Solutions to discuss programming for the coming year. At this meeting, we selected a theme and planned the programming of the 2012 AMSA Student Leadership Conference, which will be held April, 30th immediately prior to the annual American Meat Institute's (AMI) International, Meat, Poultry & Seafood Industry Convention & Exposition in Dallas, Texas. The board also began to actively plan student activities for the 2012 AMSA RMC to be held at North Dakota State University. Finally, the current student board has outlined multiple short and long term goals from the AMSA strategic plan which they hope to accomplish by the end of their term. However, we need active involvement from the student membership for any of these activities to be successful. So if you would like to be more involved in the AMSA student membership, please consider being a member of a committee or attending the Student Leadership conference. Visit the AMSA website for a list of student committees or contact any current board member to learn more. Finally, remember that student board elections are rapidly approaching, and six director positions will be available. On behalf of the Student Board, happy holidays, and please feel free to contact myself or any board member regarding upcoming AMSA Student Membership events.

Student Leadership Conference

Article written by Meagan Igo, South Region Director, Texas A&M University



The AMSA Student Leadership Committee and Student Board of Directors are excited to announce the 2012 AMSA Student Leadership Conference! The conference is designed for AMSA student and young professional members to discuss the challenges when it comes time to start searching for that first job. This is an outstanding opportunity for students to learn more about the industry and network with professionals from all facets of meat production. For more information regarding the 2012 AMSA Student Leadership Conference please visit: http://www.meatscience.org/page.aspx?id=7213.

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- To start the morning off, we have Donnie Smith who has served in many roles at Tyson since he started in 1980. Currently, he is the President and CEO of Tyson Foods Inc.
- Dr. Brad Morgan has worked in academia and industry. He will be part of panel that addresses some of the differences between jobs as well as daily expectations.
- Deidrea Mabry will be discussing how and where to look for jobs. Learning who to make contact with and where to post your resume are two important steps when trying to find your job.
- Chad Anderson will be addressing resume and interview tips as well as salary and contract negotiations.
- Laura Fenton will be discussing first year expectations from the employer's perspective as well as personal experiences.

These are just a few of the excellent speakers that we have lined up for ***"Sharpening Your Job Skills."*** Be sure to mark your calendars to be in Dallas, Texas on April 30, 2012 for the 2012 AMSA Student Leadership Conference.

Also registration is OPEN so click here to register today!!

AMSA Taste of RMC

Article written by Travis O'Quinn, At-Large Director, Colorado State University

The Taste of RMC committee has been working hard on the development of the idea for this year's competition. Last year's competition saw a record number of universities who participated, indicating the growing popularity of the annual event. Many ideas were discussed, however one idea stood out above the rest. The Taste of RMC theme will be announced in the e-news sent out at the end of January. As with last year, each team will be assigned an industry professional to help with the ideation process and to serve as a "sounding board" whom the teams can discuss their products and development process. Please stay tuned as more information regarding this event will be released after the first of the year.

AMSA RMC Iron Chef

Article written by Collin Corbin, At-Large Director, Texas Tech University

At this years' Reciprocal Meats Conference, the Iron Chef Challenge will take place at North Dakota State's Meat Lab. The student board is excited about the secret protein source that will be used and thinks it will provide a great challenge for undergraduate and graduate students who participate. It will be a day filled with teamwork, creativity, networking and above all FUN! There is more information to follow after the beginning of the year. Get excited and start planning on participating in this year's Iron Chef Challenge.

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AMSA RMC Student Mentor Program

Article written by Rebecca Acheson, West Region Director, Colorado State University

The Student Board of Directors will be coordinating the student/professional mentor program at RMC again this year. The program is designed to match up students with professional members and for students and mentors to follow up with each other during RMC and throughout the year. Professional members will be matched with student members that express similar interests and career goals. A breakfast will be held before the General Student Membership Business Meeting on June 18th to allow professional and student members to meet. Mentors and mentees are encouraged to also meet for lunch on June 18th during the annual 65th AMSA RMC to share more information and help answer questions that mentees may have. Information sheets for prospective mentors and mentees will be sent out in late April 2012.

AMSA RMC Career Fair

Article written by Rebecca Acheson, West Region Director, Colorado State University

At this years' Reciprocal Meat Conference, the RMC Career fair will take place on June 17th during the 65th AMSA RMC Welcome Reception at NDSU. The RMC Career Fair allows industry leaders to meet and interact with top students that are getting ready to enter their professional careers along with young professionals. This is a great opportunity to form relationships with professional members who are in the industry. Be sure to have your resumes spiffed up before you travel to ND. And if you are wondering how to prepare your resume for the Career Fair, we encourage you to attend SLC 2012 to get all of your job search questions answered. Don't forget to post your resume on the AMSA career center (http://careers.meatscience.org/) to give your future employees an early look!

AMSA RMC Social

Article written by Melissa Miller, East Region Director, University of Georgia

As networking is one of the main goals of the AMSA student membership, social activities are of upmost importance to reaching this goal. The social committee is planning several exciting events throughout the next year to occur at the RMC and the Student Leadership Conference.

RMC: The student social is still in the planning stages and the student board will make a final decision regarding the event location this week. The top ideas include:

1. *Comedian at Courtney's Comedy Club with Karaoke and Texas Hold-Em Tournament to follow comedian*
2. *Band at The Venue: 32 Below will be the band and The Venue is a local establishment which is highly recommended from NDSU faculty & staff.*

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3. *Game Night: Bingo, Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Karaoke, Slot Machines, Bingo, Plinko, & Prize Wheel*

Look out for "The Hot Spots of RMC" flyer that will highlight nightly social venues which are popular in the Fargo area. These flyers will be distributed at RMC to give attendees information regarding the most highly recommended nightlife venues.

SLC: Networking opportunities are just one more reason to attend the 2012 SLC! A networking reception, Dallas-style dinner, and Texas entertainment venue will make this SLC socially special!

* If you would like to be more involved with the social committee, please contact Melissa Miller at millerm@uga.

AMSA Calendar

Article written by Bryce Gerlach, Midwest Region Director, Kansas State University

This year the Student Board has introduced a new fundraiser for the AMSA student membership. We will be selling an AMSA Calendar that features 12 Universities for each of the months. Universities were asked to provide a donation and then months were distributed on a first-come first-served basis earlier this month. The calendar will run from July 2012 to June 2013 so that the new calendars for each year will be distributed at RMC.

The inaugural calendar will feature the following institutions:

- ***July - Iowa State University***
- ***August - Oklahoma State University***
- ***September- Colorado State University***
- ***October- University of Nebraska***
- ***November- Texas Tech University***
- ***December- North Dakota State University***
- ***January- Kansas State University***
- ***February- University of Minnesota***
- ***March- California Polytechnic State University***
- ***April- Tarleton State University***
- ***May- South Dakota State University***
- ***June- University of Wisconsin***

In addition to the months, we are offering individual days and events. A donation of $25 will purchase a single day and events of 2 days or more can be procured by a $50 donation. We will be taking donations for events until January 31. To purchase a day, please contact Bryce Gerlach at bgerlach@ksu.edu.

Outstanding Club Recognition Program

Article written by Carrie Highfill, Student Board President, Kansas State University

This year the board has set many goals to achieve in the AMSA student strategic plan. One of these goals is to begin a club recognition program.

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The AMSA Student Board would like to recognize and honor College/ University Animal Science/ Food Science/ Meat Science organizations that have actively promoted their institution by extensive participation in industry and service activities on and off campus. Only one Animal Science/ Food Science/ Meat Science Club from each university/college is eligible for consideration and the nomination form must be submitted by a club member who is a current student member of AMSA.

There are four recognition areas that can be completed including personal development, outreach, member participation, and networking. Clubs receiving a score of 15/20 points in one or more of the application session will be recognized at the AMSA Student Membership Business Meeting at RMC. In addition, following RMC each university/college will be assigned to a month when their school program will be featured on the AMSA website and in the E-news.
Please visit the AMSA website for the application. Completed applications must be returned to Carrie Highfill at carrie12@ksu.edu by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 6, 2012.

For more information regarding the AMSA Student Membership Board or Directors or AMSA Student Committees please visit: http://www.meatscience.org/Page.aspx?ID=46.

Happy Holidays from your AMSA Student Board!!

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