

**97th**  
Collegiate Dairy  
Products Evaluation Contest  
Awards Program

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Cheese Industry Conference • Alliant Energy Center  
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*The 97th Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest  
Is Dedicated to*

***Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association***



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On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is a pleasure to dedicate the 97<sup>th</sup> Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest in honor of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association. The Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, established in 1891, serves dairy processors and their industry supplier partners as a strong policy advocate, networking hub, and trusted source of education and information. WCMA proudly hosts the renowned U.S. and World Championship Cheese Contests, as well as the International Cheese Technology Expo and Cheese Industry Conference. For more than 125 years, WCMA has served as the voice of cheese and dairy manufacturers, processors, and marketers. Today, the WCMA organization represents more than 100 dairy processing companies and cooperatives operating across the United States and around the world, backed by more than 500 companies that supply equipment and services to the industry.

WCMA provides educational opportunities via its scholarship program, and industry-specific training at the Center for Dairy Research and via Madison College. With its long history of supporting dairy judging, education and collegiate activities, it was a natural fit for the CDPEC to partner with WCMA. In 2017 CDPEC switched from its long history of holding a Fall contest to a Spring event, opening the opportunity for a partnership with WCMA. In April 2017, WCMA hosted their first CDPEC event in association with their Wisconsin Cheese Industry Conference in Madison, WI. In April 2018, the contest was again hosted by WCMA in association with their International

Cheese Technical Expo in Milwaukee, WI. Both events were extremely successful, and we are very grateful to be back in Madison at our second Cheese Industry Conference with WCMA.

WCMA has encouraged and supported tremendous growth in the nation's dairy industry, and we are proud and grateful to have their generous support as hosts for our CDPEC events.

We would like to recognize John Umhoefer, Executive Director of WCMA, to accept our thanks for this partnership and continued strong support for the CDPEC and student participation in our event.

## **Awards Program**

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### **Presiding**

Christopher Thompson, Superintendent, Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest, Branch Chief, Dairy Standardization Branch, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service

### **Introduction of Teams, Judges, and Officials**

#### **Awards Presentations**

Christopher Thompson, assisted by the presidents, officials or representatives of the following organizations that provided awards to individuals or teams:

*CDPEC Board of Directors*  
*Arthur Nesbitt*  
*Saputo*

## **Adjourn**

## **Awards and Recognitions**

**Joe Larson Merit Award** The Joe Larson Merit Award, established in 1998, honors two undergraduate students that best uphold the ideals of the Contest with \$500 and a plaque. The awards are not based on technical placement in the Contest, but reward individuals for other key attributes necessary for industry leadership. These awards are made possible by a generous contribution from Joe Larson.

**Genevieve Christen Award** The *first place winner in the All Products graduate* student competition receives an award honoring the memory of Dr. Genevieve Christen. Dr. Christen was a devoted coach from the University of Tennessee and a strong supporter of the Contest. The winner receives \$250 and a plaque.

**Shirley Seas Memorial Scholarship** This scholarship is awarded annually to the university that places first in the All Products category. This scholarship is given in memory of Shirley W. Seas, who was a Professor of Dairy Science at South Dakota State University. Seas was actively involved in the dairy processing technology teaching program and management of the South Dakota State University dairy plant. Professor Seas was best known as an outstanding teacher and for his dedication as a Collegiate Contest coach. He coached 21 teams and was named as “Coach of the Year” five times. His teams placed first in Butter 17 of his 21 years as coach and also won the Contest seven times.

**Dairy Recognition and Education Foundation** The Dairy Recognition and Education Foundation (DREF) was founded to recognize outstanding students studying food and dairy science curricula. Qualified students majoring in dairy processing technology, agri-business or food science are granted scholarships through the Foundation. DREF has assisted more than 2,000 students since 1953. Special awards are presented annually by the DREF to the student participants who finish *first, second and third in the All Products* individual competitions of the Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest, and to the *coach of the winning All Products team*.

- The *first place All Products individual* winner receives the \$400 **Robert Rosenbaum Award**, in recognition of the person whose efforts were instrumental in forming DREF in 1953.

- The *second place All Products individual* winner receives the \$350 **Everett Byers Memorial Award**. The Byers Award was first bestowed in 1978, in memory of Everett Byers, who served for 12 years as a Contest judge in the Ice Cream and All Products categories.
- The *third place All Products individual* winner receives a \$300 award, which was established with funds donated by **Harold Roberts**, Professor Emeritus and Coach, Kansas State University.
- *First place individual winners in each of the six product categories* receive a \$200 award, which was established by the DREF Board in 1993.
- The *coach of the winning All Products team* is recognized as coach of the year, presented with the **Aurelia and George Weigold Coach's Award**, and receives \$150. This award was created in 1982, with funding to DREF by **Mr. and Mrs. George W. Weigold**. The award recognizes the devotion, hard work and interest by the college coaches.

Special contributions have been made to DREF either honoring or in memory of the following individuals:

Neil Angevine	Glenn Hoffman
Edward L. Koepenick	John Kinnett, Sr.
I.E. "Bud" Fear	June V. North
Don Merlin	Fred Uetz
Charles M. Fistere	John T. Walsh
Edwin S. Moses	Robert "Pinky" Holtgrieve
E.W. Gaumnitz	Arthur G. & Heppie M. Weigold
George & Aurelia Weigold	Irv Horrocks
E. Fred Malatesta	Mike Bender
A.C. Routh	William Jordan
Robert Everett	Robert Grigsby
Wilbur Gaunt	Arthur & Wilma Weigold
Alfred M. Ghormley	Bea Prescott
Howard Grant	Joe Larson

**Bert Aldrich Award** Saputo Inc. established a unique award in 1989 for the *first place individual in the Butter* competition. This continuing award is made in memory of Bert Aldrich, who was lead Butter judge for many years and was dedicated to the education of future dairy leaders. The award consists of a keepsake award and \$200.

**Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest Awards** The CDPEC board of directors provides monetary awards to the top 2 Graduate students for All Products and the high college team in All Products. In addition, the second and third place individuals in each of the six product categories receive cash awards.

**American Cheese Society** provides a travel stipend to the *top All Products graduate student* to be invited as a technical judge in the American Cheese Society Judging and Competition. The student will be evaluating cheese, butter, and cultured dairy products entered in the competition with other experts. The student's coach will also be invited to judge.

**Chr. Hansen** sponsors the *top cheddar cheese college student and coach* to attend the 2019 U.S. Cheese Competition. The top student will have the opportunity to evaluate cheese together with experts in the field.

**Quality Chekd Dairies** will recognize the *top 2 undergraduate students and their coach of the first place all products team* with an all-expenses paid trip to their Quality Chekd Leadership Conference. Students have the opportunity to participate in many of the conference activities including meeting potential employers. In addition, Quality Chekd provides a \$1000 cash contribution to support the winning team's dairy judging program.

**Arthur Nesbitt** sponsors lifetime memberships in the National Dairy Shrine for the *three top ranking individuals in All Products*. National Dairy Shrine lifetime members include dairy product specialists, scientists, journalists, marketers, dairymen and students from all dairy-related fields. National Dairy Shrine recognizes today's dairy leaders; honors great dairy leaders of the past; inspires dairy leaders of the future; and records the history of the dairy industry. The National Dairy Shrine supports the Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest by serving as the administrator of contest funds.

**Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest Travel Stipends** The CDPEC Board of Directors provides monetary travel stipends to each of the schools competing in the Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest. Travel stipends are based on the number of miles from the contest site.

## **Our Sponsors**

The Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest is held annually and is supported by a number of dairy corporations, trade organizations and individuals.

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## Special Recognitions

Very special thanks to our 2019 Collegiate Contest host, WCMA. This year's contest would not have been possible without the sponsorship of WCMA and the tireless efforts of Judy Keller and the entire team.

Christopher Thompson, Contest Superintendent, Branch Chief, Dairy Standardization Branch, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service Washington, DC.

Robert A. Elliott, Assistant Contest Superintendent, Alliance Process Controls

Midwest Refrigerated Services, Inc. for coordinating sample logistics.

David Selner, Contest Financial Management, National Dairy Shrine

Arthur Nesbitt, who provided trophies, award plaques, awards program printing and National Dairy Shrine lifetime memberships.

Tonya Schoenfuss, who created unique fused glass awards for individual winners.

Mike Roemer, photographer, for capturing the contest events.

Gail Fisch and NASCO for their help producing this awards program.

Chad Galer, who coordinated the events of this year's contest.

## **CPDEC Board of Directors**

- Coach Board Member: Lloyd Metzger, South Dakota State University (2017-2020) *Chairperson\**
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- Industry Board Member: Vanessa Teter, Dannon (2017-2020)

*\*Denotes a member of the Executive committee*

## **Contest Judges**

We wish to express our appreciation to contest judges for their considerable time and effort.

### **Butter**

Ron Thompson, Lead, Continental Dairy Facilities, MI  
Jackie Seibel, Schreiber Foods, WI  
Matthew Bus, DairiConcepts, MO  
Kristine Thompson, USDA/AMS, MO  
Matthew Siedschlaw, USDA/AMS

### **Cheddar Cheese**

Rich Holtquist, Lead, RLHoltquist Solutions LLC, AR  
Brandon Prochaska, DairiConcepts, MO  
Valerie Stastny, FMMA, USDA  
Laura Enriquez, Edlong Corporation, IL

### **Cottage Cheese**

Doug Allen, Lead, Denali Ingredients, WI  
Doug Vargo, DuPont N&H, IN  
Gary Pieper, Chr. Hansen, WI  
Hoss Langhoff, Saputo Dairy Foods, WI  
Dana Lillard, Dean Foods, IL

### **Ice Cream**

David Hoyda, Lead, Tate and Lyle Custom Ingredients, IL  
Scott Halverson, Denali Ingredients, WI  
Chuck Yarris, Quality Chekd Dairies, IL  
Jason Dompeling, Imbibe, IL

### **Milk**

Jane Zeien, Lead, Denali Ingredients, WI  
Thomas J. Gruetzmacher, Bay Valley Foods, MN  
Julie TiaTia, Kraft Heinz Company, IL  
Barry Stevens, Quadra Ingredients,  
Justin Larson – Urban Farmer

### **Yogurt**

Don Tribby, Lead, DuPont N&H, MO  
Herb Wyckoff, Crest Foods, IL  
Vanessa Teter, Dannon, NY  
Kevin Harrah, Denali Ingredients, WI  
Joe Loquasto, Crest Foods, IL  
Natasha Scherber, Dupont N&H, KS

### **All Products**

Kevin R. O'Rell, Good Karma Foods, CO

### **Alternate Judge**

Charlie Mack, Prairie Farms

### **Computer Tabulation**

Bao Tcheng, USDA AMS, Dairy Program  
Matt Siedschlaw, USDA AMS Dairy Program  
Kristine Thompson, USDA AMS Dairy Program  
Dale Hoernke, USDA AMS Dairy Program  
Malcom Proctor, USDA,

## **Contest Participants**

### **Aims Community College**

Amy McFarland, Coach  
Breanna Etl, Undergraduate  
Kylie Simington, Undergraduate  
Lindsey Seewald, Undergraduate  
Lindsey Kufeld, Undergraduate

### **California Polytechnic State University**

Chi Kong (Vincent) Yeung, Coach  
Hayley Fernandes, Undergraduate  
Samantha Bass, Undergraduate  
Elise Regusci, Undergraduate  
Hannah Neer, Undergraduate  
Carol Campbell, Graduate  
Kimberly Kwong, Graduate

### **Clemson University**

John McGregor and Sara Cothran, Coaches  
Amy Grace Funcik., Undergraduate  
Mathew Baxley, Undergraduate  
Joleah McComb, Undergraduate

### **Cornell University**

Carmela L. Beliciu, Coach  
Sebastian Santo, Undergraduate  
Julia Houser, Undergraduate  
Aaron Harbach, Undergraduate  
Ghadeer Makki, Graduate  
Timothy Lott, Graduate

### **Iowa State University**

Stephanie Clark, Coach  
Alden Riak, Undergraduate  
Amber Morales-Cuadrado, Undergraduate

### **Michigan State University**

Josh Hall, Gary Smith, Coaches  
Mercedes Barends, Undergraduate  
Kate Belinky, Undergraduate  
Cecelia McKenzie, Undergraduate  
Joshua Na, Undergraduate  
Karl Seiwert, Graduate

### **Pennsylvania State University**

Kerry Kaylegian, Coach  
Jiaxin Sun, Undergraduate  
Xiaoxuan Shi, Undergraduate  
Kayla Graff, Undergraduate

### **South Dakota State University**

Lloyd Metzger, Coach  
Erika Franzen-Ackerman, Undergraduate  
Sanne deBruijn, Undergraduate  
Han Si, Undergraduate  
Madison Okerstrom, Undergraduate  
Mohamed Elfaruk, Graduate

### **University of Idaho/Washington State University**

Helen Joyner, Coach  
Tara Cook, Undergraduate  
Kimberly Bowlby, Undergraduate  
Glenn Grout, Graduate

### **University of Minnesota**

Tonya Schoenfuss, Coaches  
William Dao, Undergraduate  
Alice Zhang, Undergraduate  
Chenyu Liao, Undergraduate  
Michelle Lavine, Undergraduate  
Lisa Chou, Graduate

### **University of Missouri**

Richard Linhardt, Coach  
Jackson Weskamp, Undergraduate  
Hunter Rohlf, Undergraduate  
Brandon Mallinckrodt, Undergraduate  
Cameron Landers, Undergraduate  
Brittany Sievers, Graduate

### **University of Tennessee**

Charles White and Allison Shaunak, Coaches  
Meryam Idrissi, Undergraduate  
Anita Best, Undergraduate  
Bailey Brown, Undergraduate  
Mac "Quint" Gasque, Undergraduate

**University of Wisconsin – Madison**

Beth Button, Coach

Aakash Varsha Swaminathan, Graduate

Brittney M Riebel, Graduate

**University of Wisconsin – River Falls**

Michelle Farner, Coach

Stephanie Sukalski, Undergraduate

Melody Rex, Undergraduate

Madelyn O'Brein, Undergraduate

Katarina Nemitz, Undergraduate

## Trophy Status

A team must have three first place wins in any one category before it is allowed to retain the trophy. The wins do not have to be consecutive. When a trophy is retired, a new one is provided. Past winners are listed below. The asterisk (\*) indicates two wins to date.

### All Products

2011 South Dakota State University  
2012 South Dakota State University\*  
2013 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2014 South Dakota State University  
2015 South Dakota State University\*  
2017 University of Tennessee  
2018 South Dakota State retired trophy

### Butter

2011 South Dakota State University\*  
2012 CAFRE Loughry College  
2013 Clemson University retired trophy  
2014 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2015 South Dakota State University  
2017 University of Missouri  
2018 South Dakota State University\*

### Cheddar Cheese

2011 South Dakota State University\*  
2012 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2013 University of Missouri  
2014 Iowa State University  
2015 South Dakota State University  
2017 South Dakota State University\*  
2018 University of Tennessee

### Cottage Cheese

2011 Mississippi State University  
2012 University of Wisconsin  
2013 South Dakota State University  
2014 University of Tennessee  
2015 South Dakota State University\*  
2017 University of Tennessee\*  
2018 U of Tennessee retired trophy

### Ice Cream

2011 Univ. of Missouri retired trophy  
2012 Washington State University  
2013 South Dakota State University  
2014 South Dakota State University\*  
2015 South Dakota State retired trophy  
2017 University of Tennessee  
2018 South Dakota State University

### Milk

2011 South Dakota State University  
2012 South Dakota State University\*  
2013 Clemson University  
2014 University of Minnesota  
2015 University of Missouri  
2017 Clemson University\*  
2018 Clemson University retired trophy

### Yogurt

2011 South Dakota State University  
2012 Iowa State University\*  
2013 Iowa State retired trophy  
2014 University of Tennessee  
2015 Clemson University  
2017 The Pennsylvania State University  
2018 South Dakota State University

# Tally Sheet

<b>Product</b>	<b>Individual Winners</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Team Winners</b>
<b>Butter</b>			
3rd	Han Si	South Dakota State	Clemson
2nd	Alden Riak	Iowa State University	Tennessee
1st*	Matthew Baxley	Clemson University	South Dakota State
Graduate Winner	Timothy Lott *(Bert Aldrich Award)	Cornell	
<b>Cheddar Cheese</b>			
3rd	Amy Grace Funcik	Clemson	Penn State
2nd	Bailey Brown	Tennessee	Tennessee
1st	Madison Okerstrom	South Dakota State	South Dakota State
Graduate Winner	Brittany Sievers	Missouri	
<b>Cottage Cheese</b>			
3rd	Sebastioan Santo	Cornell	Cornell
2nd	Jackson Weskamp	Missouri	Missouri
1st	Bailey Brown	Tennessee	Tennessee
Graduate Winner	Glenn Grout	Idaho/Washington State	
<b>Ice Cream</b>			
3rd	Han Si	South Dakota State	Clemson
2nd	Bailey Brown	Tennessee	Tennessee
1st	Madison Okerstorm	South Dakota State	South Dakota State
Graduate Winner	Glenn Grout	Idaho/Washington State	
<b>Milk</b>			
3rd	Samantha Bass	Cal Poly	Cal Poly
2nd	Chenyu Liao	Minnesota	South Dakota State
1st	Ambar Morales-Cuadrado	Iowa State	Tennessee
Graduate Winner	Aakash Varsha Swaminathan	UW - Madison	
<b>Yogurt</b>			
3rd	Amy Grace Funcik	Clemson	South Dakota State
2nd	Mac "Quint" Gasque	Tennessee	Clemson
1st	Ambar Morales-Cuadrado	Iowa State	Tennessee
Graduate Winner	Tara Cook	Idaho/Washington State	

<b>All Products</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School</b>
10th	Madison Ocerstrom	South Dakota State
9 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter Rohlf	Missouri
8th	Sanne deBruijn	South Dakota State
7th	Ambar Morales-Cuadrado	Iowa State
6th	Amy Grace Funcik	Clemson
5th	Anita Best	Tennessee
4th	Matthew Baxley	Clemson
3rd	Kayla Graff	Penn State
2nd	Mac “Quint Gasque	Tennessee
1st	Bailey Brown	Tennessee

**Individual Graduate Students**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Mohamed Elfaruk Missouri

1st Place Brittany Sievers Missouri

The Genevieve Christen Graduate Student All Products Award

Aurelia and George Weigold Coach’s Award \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Larson Merit Awards Alden Riak Iowa State & Hayley Fernandez Cal Poly

Shirley Seas Award Winner \_\_\_\_\_

## Supplies and Services

We would like to thank the following companies that donated samples, supplies and services.

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Larsen’s Creamery - OR

### Cottage Cheese

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Tamarack Farms - OH  
Prairie Farms Dairy – IL, IN  
Kemps - MN  
Winchester Farms - KY  
Friendship Dairy – NY  
Westby Cooperative Creamery - WI  
Dean Foods – IL, IA  
Saputo Dairy Foods USA – CA  
Hiland Dairy Foods - KS  
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### Cheddar Cheese

Cabot Creamery Coop., Inc – VT  
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Mullins Cheese, Inc. – WI  
Agorpur – IA  
Land O’ Lakes – WI  
Marathon Cheese Corporation – WI  
DairiConcepts – MO  
Cedar Grove Warehouse, WI (storage)

### Yogurt

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Upstate Farms Dairy

### Ice Cream

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Shoep’s Ice Cream – WI  
Hershey Creamery – PA  
Stewart’s Processing – NY  
Belfonte Dairy – MO  
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Eberhard’s Dairy Products - OR  
Tim & Ken Kohlwey, Cedar Crest, WI



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