

## 90<sup>th</sup> Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest Results

For the 90<sup>th</sup> year the Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest tested the skill of students from university dairy programs across North America. This year's contest was hosted at the Kraft Foods Research Facility in Glenview, Illinois. Eleven colleges entered thirty three undergraduates and five schools entered seven graduate students for this unique competition.

Numerous professional experts from national food companies volunteer their talents to serve as judges and contest officials for this highly competitive contest. The generous sponsor list includes the Food Processing Suppliers Association, Dairy Recognition & Education Foundation, Chr. Hansen Inc., Saputo Inc., Hilmar Cheese Inc., Nasco International, Arthur Nesbitt, Joe Larson, Kraft Foods, and the Agricultural Marketing Service of USDA.

South Dakota State added to its winning streak and took the overall team championship even after a change of leadership with Lloyd Metzger replacing long time head coach Robert Baer. Middle Tennessee State University took second place and Mississippi State University placed third in the undergraduate team competition.

South Dakota State's Luke Rensink narrowly won the All Products title for undergraduates over Mississippi State's Demarcus Carter. Luke won with a first place in ice cream, a second place in butter and third places in Cheddar cheese and yogurt.

Demarcus Carter of Mississippi State University used his first place in Cheddar cheese to propel himself to place Second in All Products. He also placed third in ice cream and fourth in fluid milk.

Middle Tennessee State University's Sarah Hoover's consistency placed her Third in the All Products competition, with fifth place in butter and Cottage cheese to go along with her sixth places in milk and Cheddar cheese.

Individual undergraduate product winners included Nursalim Jap of the University of Missouri who took first place in cottage cheese, Luke Rensink, first place in ice cream, Demarcus Carter, first place in cheddar cheese, South Dakota State's Angie Klaers in butter, Adie Amador of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo took first place in fluid milk, and Charlie Schinsky of the University of Missouri took first place in yogurt.

Meanwhile, SDSU's Som Khanal decisively won the All Products competition on the Graduate student side, by claiming four of the six product categories. Khanal won by placing first in yogurt, cheddar cheese, ice cream & cottage cheese and also placed second in butter and fifth in milk. Ming-kai Cao of the University of Wisconsin, Madison took second in the All Products category by placing first in butter and fluid milk.

Among the other notes of interest were the reemergence of legendary coaches Charles White and William Gillis in new places. While at Mississippi State University, Dr. Charlie White built a perennial contender. Upon his retirement, Dr. White took his talents to Murfreesboro, Tennessee where he lent his experience to Middle Tennessee State University's team and has helped them reach their current level of excellence.

Meanwhile, another coaching legend reemerged at Charlie White's former school. Under William Gillis' guidance, Mississippi State University has emerged as a contender. During his tenure at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, William Gillis's team routinely finished at or near the top.

**Tabular Results:**

**Team Rankings, All Products**

Rank	School	Yogurt	Milk	Ched. Cheese	Butter	Ice cream	Cott. Cheese
1	South Dakota State	1	1	1	1	3	7
2	Middle Tennessee State	3	3	2	5	6	1
3	Mississippi State	5	5	3	5	6	1
4	Iowa State	4	4	5	2	7	5
5	Tennessee	2	8	6	4	5	6
6	University of Wisconsin, Madison	6	7	10	3	4	4
7	University of Missouri	7	9	9	6	1	3
8	Washington State	8	11	4	7	8	10
9	Michigan State	9	6	8	11	10	9
10	University of Alberta	10	10	7	10	9	8
11	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	11	2	11	9	11	11

**Individual Results: Undergraduate**

Cottage Cheese		
Rank	Name	School
1	Nursalim Jap	University of Missouri
2	Sarah Davenport	Middle Tennessee State
3	Mariana Perez	University of Alberta

Ice Cream		
Rank	Name	School
1	Luke Rensink	South Dakota State University
2	Charlie Schinsky	University of Missouri
3	Demarcus Carter	Mississippi State University

Butter		
Rank	Name	School
1	Angie Klaers	South Dakota State University
2	Luke Rensink	South Dakota State University
3	Katelyn Dunnigan	Iowa State University

Cheddar Cheese		
Rank	Name	School
1	Demarcus Carter	Mississippi State University

2	Justin Ochsner	South Dakota State University	
3	Luke Rensink	South Dakota State University	

Milk			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Andie Amador	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	
2	Angie Klaers	South Dakota State University	
3	Catherine Lynch	Iowa State University	

Yogurt			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Charlie Schinsky	University of Missouri	
2	Megan Cole	University of Tennessee	
3	Luke Rensink	South Dakota State University	

All Products			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Luke Rensink	South Dakota State University	
2	Demarcus Carter	Mississippi State University	
3	Sarah Hoover	Middle Tennessee State University	

**Individual Results: Graduate Students**

Cottage Cheese			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Som Khanal	South Dakota State University	

Ice Cream			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Som Khanal	South Dakota State University	

Butter			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Ming-kai Cao	University of Wisconsin, Madison	

Cheddar Cheese			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Som Khanal	South Dakota State University	

Milk			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Ming-kai Cao	University of Wisconsin, Madison	

Yogurt			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Som Khanal	South Dakota State University	

All Products			
Rank	Name	School	
1	Som Khanal	South Dakota State University	
2	Ming-kai Cao	University of Wisconsin, Madison	