Iron Chef
Plans for the 2018 RMC Iron Chef Competition are heating up and the event is going to be Smokin’! This year we will be taking advantage of the generosity of many industry leading organizations in the Kansas City area to put together both an educational and memorable experience!
Throughout the day-long event students will have the opportunity to work with industry experts from Ultrasource, a leading packaging and equipment producer in the meat industry, and the Kansas City Barbeque Society. Students from participating schools will have the opportunity to network with other university students and professionals, gain useful knowledge from experts, and work with many different pieces of processing equipment. This will be a truly amazing event and this year’s surprise protein ingredient(s) are sure to offer students a unique challenge!

Processed Meats Contest
This year’s processed meat competition will give students a chance to participate in some friendly competition and increase their skills in evaluating processed meat products. Students will have an opportunity to look at multiple processed meat products and test their abilities. You will not want to miss out on this event!

Taste of RMC
After considering student feedback from previous competitions and recent participation, we will not be holding a Taste of RMC Competition at this year’s RMC in Kansas City. The student board came to this decision after long consideration and plans on focusing more effort
towards the Iron Chef Competition, Processed Meat Judging Competition, and other student events. Additional information on these events will be posted online and sent out through the student newsletter as RMC approaches. We are excited to see you all in Kansas City this summer!

Fundraising Committee
By: Hope Voegele, Texas Tech University & Jacqueline Ponce, Texas Tech University

T-Shirt Auction
The Student Board would like to challenge all universities and industry professionals to channel their inner fashion designer to prepare a creative and unique t-shirt for RMC in Kansas City. The t-shirt auction will have a theme this year: “A Royal Choice.” It is time to honor prestigious alumni or representative or just let us know why your university is the top choice. All proceeds from the 2018 RMC T-Shirt Auction will go towards the AMSA Mentor Recognition funds to support their activities.

AMSA Promotional Items & Silent Auction
This year the SBOD will be selling new promotional items including new polo shirts and soft-shell hats with a carcass outline. All money raised from the sale of promotional items will be used to help support student activities for the next year. Finally, the committee is searching for items in the annual AMSA Student Board Silent Auction. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in including an item in the silent auction, please contact Hope or Jacqueline with any questions or comments. We are looking forward to the 2018 RMC and hope to see you in Kansas City!

AMSA RMC Mentor Program
The Student Board of Directors will be coordinating the student/professional mentor program at RMC again this year. We will follow a flexible and open-floor format similar to the program that was held in College Station in 2017. The event will take place directly after the Quiz Bowl Finals on Sunday night. The SBOD would also like to invite our professional mentors to build their profile in the RMC App prior to this event so students may seek you out during the program and throughout RMC. If you have comments or questions about the event, please feel free to contact us know.
Leadership Committee
By: Chandler Steele, Texas A&M University & Emily Rice, Kansas State University

2018 RMC Career Fair
The career fair for RMC 2018 in Kansas City will be held on Sunday, June 24 at the Westin Kansas City, Crown Plaza. The set up will be similar to previous years. We anticipate a variety of universities, industry representatives, and are reaching out to companies that are located in the Kansas City area to offer a variety of networking opportunities. This is the perfect way to explore career, internship, and graduate school opportunities. We hope to see you at the 2018 RMC Career Fair!

2018 Student Leadership Conference
The 2018 Student Leadership Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on March 23-24. The theme of this year’s conference will focus on marketing and branding yourself. Students will hear from a variety of industry professionals on how to create your own unique brand in professional settings, as well as on social media outlets. Students will also learn how to address the media through radio or on-camera interviews and receive feedback and tips from media professionals. Several industry tours in the Oklahoma City area will offer great exposure to companies in the meat and foodservice sectors. Additionally, the student networking event is scheduled on the pre-conference agenda for a fun-filled experience in OKC! Mark your calendars. Registration will open tomorrow!

Student Reciprocation Committee
By: Drew Cassens, Oklahoma State University

2018 RMC Student Reciprocation Sessions
The student board is extremely excited to offer three student focused reciprocation session. These sessions are planned to enhance your abilities as a student and better prepare...
Yourself for the future. We are looking at different options, incorporating panel discussions about research and career opportunities. Additionally, we are interested in introducing students to international issues as well as marketing tools to use in the workplace and in your everyday life!

**2018-19 Student Membership Board of Directors**

In the coming months we will be opening nominations for the 2018-19 AMSA Student Membership Board of Directors. If you are interested in running or would like more information please reach out to any of the AMSA Student Board members.

**Important Dates:**

- Early February – Open nomination site
- April 3rd – Nominations close
- April 6th – Launch first ballot
- April 20th – Close 1st ballot
- April 25th - Launch 2nd ballot
- May 9th – Close 2nd ballot
- May 17 – Announce election Results

**AMSA Student Teaching “Cleaver” Award**

*By: Morgan Pfeiffer, Oklahoma State University*

The AMSA Student Board of Directors has decided to sponsor an award for graduate students at the upcoming RMC. The AMSA Student Teaching “Cleaver” Award has been established to recognize excellence in teaching and assisting faculty with meat, animal, or food science courses. A meat cleaver is resilient and designed to break through soft bones and cartilage. Graduate teaching assistants are encouraged to be “cleavers”, by being resilient in teaching abilities, breaking through to students and enhancing their knowledge. The tough metal and thick blade of a cleaver is unique and more durable compared to other knives. Graduate students are expected to be durable through their
own obligations, and above all to create a unique learning experience for students. Professional and emeriti members have the opportunity to nominate deserving students for the Cleaver Award.

If you have any questions about the different committees or would like to give further input to the student board, please go to http://meatscience.org/students/student-board and reach out to the respective committee leaders.

We want to wish everybody the best of luck on their end of semester finals as well as a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years!