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AMSA Student Board of Directors Fall Recap By Chandler Steele, Texas A&M University



The 2018 AMSA Student Board of Directors recently attended their annual fall board meeting at the host site for the 2019 Reciprocal Meat Conference in Ft. Collins, CO. The student board would like to extend our thanks to Colorado State University for offering outstanding meeting space and a tour of the new JBS Global Food Innovation Center in honor of Gary and Kay Smith. This is an outstanding facility and we cannot wait to see this completed when we return in June of 2019, the opportunities we will have for some hands-on reciprocation sessions is exciting. A special shout out goes to Blake Foraker and the CSU meat judging team for catering an outstanding lunch, we can't wait to taste all the great food this June.

We greatly appreciated Jayson Penn, President of Pilgrim's USA, taking time to meet with us. His background and experience in the meat industry is impressive, we especially enjoyed the stories he shared about growing up and assisting with his family's poultry further-processing operations. Your support of AMSA and the student membership is appreciated more than you know and we look forward to working with you more in the future.

Product Development Committee

**By: Blake Foraker,
Colorado State
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Schulte, Iowa State
University**



Iron Chef

Co-Sponsored by JBS USA Food Company, Newly Weds Foods, and JBT, Corp

Through an exciting partnership with JBS USA Food Company and Pilgrim's Pride, this year's Iron Chef competition will be hosted on Saturday, June 22nd at the

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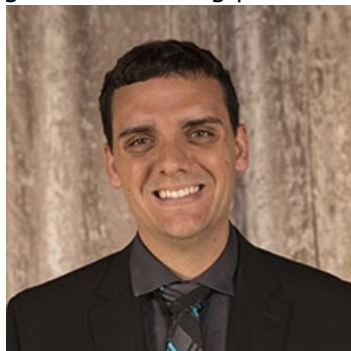
JBS USA Food Company corporate headquarters in Greeley, CO. Students will have full use of a wide range of equipment and ingredients in a state-of-the-art pilot facility to prepare and cook their products. Furthermore, participants will gain a well-rounded understanding of preparing the secret protein from beginning-to-end, while generating unique flavor profiles. Award-winning chefs will also be available throughout the day to guide students in creating and showcasing their protein to the highest degree. The event will conclude with judging and public tasting on the lawns of JBS' beautiful outdoor campus!

Taste of RMC

Sponsored by Johnsonville, LLC.

The Taste of RMC competition is back! Be prepared to get your adventurous minds thinking about snacking products as you prepare for this year's competition.

As consumers continue to live fast paced lives; new, innovative, and protein centric snacking products are needed to meet consumer demands for their on-the-go lives. Working with your team and identifying the marketplace for your product will be essential to its



creativity! New this year, the top four teams will have the opportunity to showcase their product during a reciprocation session! This will allow you to really "sell" your product and demonstrate the best marketing opportunities for your product. Get excited for the new opportunities that lie ahead for this year's competition!

Processed Meat Contest

Sponsored by Cargill

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!

Fundraising Committee

By: Cole Perkins, Texas Tech University

T-Shirt Auction

We are once again continuing with the tradition of a T-Shirt Auction at the family picnic to raise money to go towards the AMSA Education Fund, specific funds will be announced in the Spring of 2019. We challenge all universities and industry professionals to get their creative juices flowing and put forth the best design possible. This year's theme is

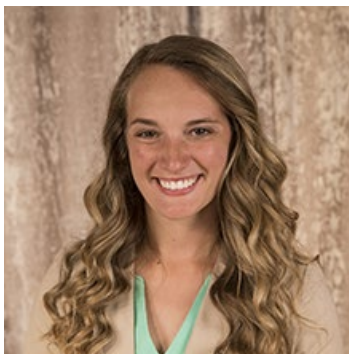


"Pioneering the Way". This is a great opportunity to honor a faculty member or professional who has led the way in their respective meat science field. This is also a great way to showcase how your university is pioneering the way into the future through their many programs or opportunities. But as always creative designs looking to incorporate meat and meat science into a pioneer theme shirt are a great option too. We look forward to what creative designs everyone will come up with for this year.

AMSA Promotional Items and Silent Auction

This year the AMSA Student Board will be selling promotional items again, this will include many of the past items and some new ones to look out for. The money raised from the promotional items will be used to help support all the different student activities in the upcoming year. Lastly, the committee is looking for the generous support of the membership to provide some great items for the AMSA Student Board Silent Auction. Some great ideas for donations could be any kind of meat memorabilia or décor, meat or steaks, cooking/grilling products, or a hunting/fishing trip. However, anything and everything is always appreciated and gratefully accepted to help support the program. If you or anyone you know is interested in including an item please contact [Cole Perkins](#) with questions or comments. We are excited to see all of you in Colorado at the 2019 RMC.

Social Committee **By: *Marlee Kelley,*** ***University of Kentucky***



Student-Mentor Program

The Student Board of Directors will be coordinating the student/professional mentor program at RMC. Similar to last year, we will host the program after the conclusion of the Quiz Bowl Finals on Sunday night. Also, this year we will add our list of mentors with a short bio on the RMC app, so students can easily interact with mentors before, during and after RMC. Any professional members interested in being mentors can keep an eye out for sign up in RMC registration. If you have any comments or questions about the event, please feel free to contact [Marlee Kelley](#). We hope to see you at the 2019 RMC!

Leadership Committee **By: *Clay Bendele,*** ***Texas Tech University*** **and *Erin Beyer,*** ***Texas Tech University***

Student Leadership Conference



The 2019 Student Leadership Conference will be held March 15-16th in Louisville, Kentucky, focusing on diverse careers in the meat science industry. This year's theme will be exploring exciting and unique career opportunities to show students the diverse span of the meat science industry. Students will determine some strong traits of their personality and how those relate to future career aspirations while hearing from representatives of different branches of the meat science industry. SLC will include industry tours to showcase some unique aspects of Louisville and opportunities in the agricultural industry. It will be a very educational and fun experience for any student or school who can attend. **Mark your calendars! Registration will open soon!**

Student Leadership Conference Scholarship Award – University Travel Award

Travel scholarships will be given to several universities this year for the Student Leadership Conference (SLC). Each university selected will be presented with a predetermined travel scholarship at the 2019 SLC to assist with the travel costs to SLC. The objective of this travel scholarship is to assist universities with students interested in attending the 2019 AMSA Student Leadership Conference March 15-16, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky. As a student association, it is important to create opportunities to benefit those interested in the meat industry by providing them with educational and networking opportunities. This university travel scholarship is sponsored by the AMSA Student Membership. Applications and additional details will be posted on the AMSA website soon! Contact **Rachel Adams** for more information.



**Reciprocation
Committee
By: Chandler Steele,
Texas A&M University**

**2019 RMC Student
Reciprocation Sessions**



The student board is looking forward to offering three student-focused reciprocation sessions again this year. New this year, we will be hosting the Taste of RMC judging during a reciprocation session to provide a great opportunity for student involvement in the revamped product development competition! Additionally, we will offer sessions focused on forward-thinking career development and helpful tools to prepare students for their professional career. We are looking forward to facilitating some outstanding reciprocation sessions at the 2019 RMC and hope to see you there!

AMSA Student Teaching "Clever" Award

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. The AMSA Student Board of Directors will recognize one master's and one PhD student's excellence in teaching and assisting faculty with meat, animal, or food science courses. Students must be nominated by February 4, 2019. All supporting nomination materials must be submitted no later than February 22, 2019. More information is posted [online!](#)

Undergraduate Scholastic Achievement Award

The Undergraduate Scholastic Achievement Award was established to promote meat science by recognizing outstanding undergraduate students with a potential for a career in meats. Students who are chosen to receive the award will receive a \$200 scholarship and complementary registration to RMC in Fort Collins. Nominated students must be an AMSA member that is a junior, senior or have graduated no more than six months prior to the RMC at the time of the application. For more details and the application go to the [AMSA Website](#). An intent to nominate is not required for this award. Nomination packets must be submitted by February 22, 2019. Contact Rachel Adams with any questions.

AMSA Scholarship Opportunities

Applications for five different AMSA Educational Foundation scholarships will be posted in January of 2019. More information will be posted online soon and shared in

the newsletter. You can also contact Rachel Adams at radams@meatscience.org with additional questions.

Robert Cassens Scholar Award

The Robert Cassens Scholar Award is available to a current PhD student to support their efforts in completing and communicating their research and to help establish a professional network that will sustain their meat science careers. One award will be awarded in 2019. The recipient will be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences.

The Hunter International Travel Award

The Hunter International Travel Award is a non-tuition scholarship intended to support the efforts of meat science graduate students in communicating their research results at international meetings. One award will be presented in 2019. The recipient will be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences.

Kinsman International Award

Eligible students must present verification of their plan to travel internationally with primary intent toward meat science education. Appropriate international activities involve the international travel of a student for the primary purpose of meat science education. Examples include: study research, or internship opportunities, as well as attendance at meetings that are international for the student such as ICoMST or RMC, for the purpose of presenting their research findings. This year one cash award will be awarded. The recipient will also be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences.

C. Boyd Ramsey RMC Scholar Award

The C. Boyd Ramsey RMC Scholar Award was established to assist undergraduate and graduate students with interests in meat science by providing a travel scholarship to the AMSA Reciprocal Meat Conference. This year, four undergraduate and two graduate awards will be given to offset travel costs associated with attending the 72nd Reciprocal Meat Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado. Recipients will be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences. This scholarship is co-sponsored by the C. Boyd Ramsey Mentorship Fund and the AMSA Student Membership.

Robert Rust Award

The Robert Rust Award is available to a sophomore or junior level student who has a proven interest in processed meats. Applicants must state their interest in meat processing and provide evidence of that interest. One award will be awarded in 2019. The recipient will be required to provide a follow-up report that details how the funds were used and details their experiences.

**2019-2020 Student
Membership Board of**

Directors
By: Drew Cassens,
Oklahoma State
University



This spring we will be opening nominations for the 2019-2020 AMSA Student Membership

Board of Directors! If you are interested in running or would like more information, please reach out to any of the current AMSA student board members. We will open nominations for the Student Board in February so watch your newsletter for more information!

If you have any questions about the student committees or would like to give further input to the student board, please go [online](#), 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!

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