



## Chicago Section IFT Supports the Research Apprentice Program (RAP)

The Chicago Section of IFT began donating to a Research Apprentice Program (RAP) at the University of Illinois in 1993. The program has grown over the years, introducing more and more high school students to agricultural sciences. Many students are based in Chicago, but some come as far as Puerto Rico to attend the summer program on the Champaign-Urbana campus! In addition to a science-based team project, the students are exposed to college preparation and other life skills.

This past year, RAP students were able to attend the IFT Annual Meeting and walk the Expo floor. The students enjoyed meeting food scientists and seeing the breadth of the food industry. Thank you to the many volunteers offering booth tours, samples, and coordinating the visit. The CSIFT Scholarship Committee continues donating to the program and has contributed over \$100,000 in the past 22 years. We look forward to these future food scientists joining our Section as professionals!



2015 RAP students at the IFT Annual Meeting Expo