

University of Illinois News

#10 Can Trophy Presented to Top Product Development Team

On Thursday, December 19, University of Illinois students presented products they developed during the fall semester to a team of judges, as well as the general public. The judges, several of whom were CSIFT members, had varied professional experiences in the food industry. Nearly 75 guests also partook of samples the students prepared. In addition to receiving the coveted #10 Can Trophy, the winning team will submit their product to the National IFT Competition.



#10 Can Trophy Winners



Tom Niedoborski of Kraft



Nancy Moriarity
of Pepsico

The Chicago Section IFT provides financial support for a product development course graduate student teaching assistantship. This year's teaching assistantship recipient is Harry Bansal, a graduate student working with Dr. Pawan Takhar. Harry played an integral part in the undergraduate learning experience.

The product development course, taught by Dr. Dawn Bohn, serves as the capstone for the food science curriculum. Dr. Bohn and the teaching assistants assign students a product category, consumer demographics, and a few product attributes. Then, as teams, the students combine their creativity and technical knowledge to develop an original product. This course guides them through the full product development process.