



# Chicago Section IFT the First Section



## March Meeting & Student Night Recap

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Christine Carr - VP Marketing & Global Communication for Griffith Laboratories presented:

- The history of Griffith Laboratories and their commitment to innovation
- Global trends and its impact on innovation today
- Responding to the needs of the market and their responsibilities aligned with global technical citizenship

I was great to see everyone at the Chicago Section IFT March meeting. It was a packed house of over 160 industry professionals and students from the University of Illinois, Dominican University and Illinois Institute of Technology. It was a pleasure to have Christine Carr from Griffith Laboratories as our guest speaker for the dinner meeting held at Chateau del Mar in Hickory Hills, IL.

The day started out with the students taking a spectacular tour at Griffith Laboratories. There was an information presentation as well as an interactive session with the Griffith staff. The students participated in a panel review with recruiters and then on to a resume building session with a speed networking hour. We have received numerous positive e-mails from the professionals and students involved. The students truly benefited from these activities and we look forward to continuing this success next year.

We concluded our evening with a fantastic presentation from Christine Carr. She started with the history of Griffith Laboratories and how their innovations have continued to make them an industry leader. She gave examples of how the company continues to evolve to cater to the always changing consumer.

Christine showed how Griffith has helped with the science of convenient foods. In addition, she showed us the commitment they have on health awareness. With a focus on cutting edge technology, food safety and the ability to evolve with the ever changing food industry, it is no surprise the company has been around for 93 years. If you missed the meeting, you can view the presentation.

A special thanks to Griffith Laboratories and all the companies and individuals that made student night a success!! I look forward to seeing everyone at the April dinner meeting!!

John Chambers