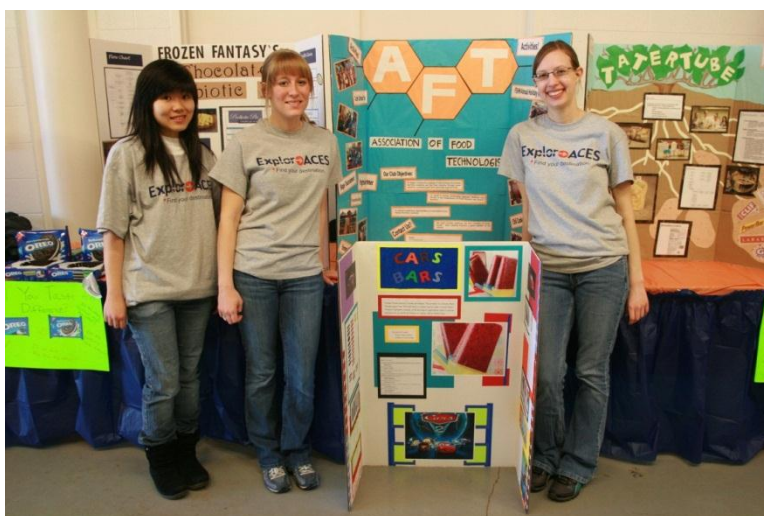


AFT Newsletter

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By Merry Wang

Members of the Association of Food Technologists (AFT) at UIUC have been busy during this spring semester. In February, members participated in two social events, led by Katie Johnson, AFT's Social Chair, a senior in Food Science. Members participated in broomball at the Ice Arena and a cooking class at the Activities and Recreation Center (ARC). AFT was also a part of ExplorACES, an open house event for the College of ACES. Our booth taught visitors the difference between flavor and taste. Visitors were asked to try a piece of candy and then asked what they could sense with and without their nose held close. In addition, the AFT booth also asked participants if there was a difference between traditional OREO cookies and a reduced-fat version. Kara Bulita and Amanda Dominguez did a wonderful job planning and helping participants learn the challenges that food scientists face in their field. Thank you to all our volunteers!



Top Left: Amanda Dominguez and Francisca Poniman working on their entrees. Top Right: Intense game of broomball with AFT members. Bottom left: AFT members (pictured from left to right: Francisca Poniman, Kara Bulita, and Rosemary Nash) showcase food science at ExplorACES.

In addition, AFT welcomed its new exec board for the 2012-2013 academic year:

President: Ariel Cavazos

Vice President: Merry Wang

Treasurer: Disha Gandhi

ACES Council: Noah Roberts and Andrei Nistor

Secretary: Katharine Girone

Social Chair: Kelsey Choquette

Historian: Lun Ou

ExplorACES: Lauren Smith, Ellyn Polley

In upcoming events, AFT will be competing in the College Bowl in Kentucky from March 30th to April 1st, hosting an cream social event in March, and having a restaurant crawl on April 10th. AFT will also be going on its spring break trip April 14th to celebrate a wonderful year!