



Chicago Section
Institute of Food Technologists



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Product Development Course Presents Creations

University of Illinois students enrolled in the Product Development course presented the products they had been working on developing during the fall semester to the public, including several food industry professionals, on Monday, December 16.

FSHN 466, Product Development, is the senior capstone course for the Food Science and the Food Industry and Business concentrations at the University of Illinois. The course provides a team-based, applied approach to developing new food products. The student teams were assigned a few product attributes that their products needed to meet, creating different product categories amongst the items developed.

The Chicago Section IFT provides funding to partially support one of the teaching assistants for this course. David Bloom, a graduate student in Food Science and Human Nutrition, served as the Chicago Section IFT teaching assistant this semester. He assisted several of the teams in problem solving, ingredient acquisition, task management, and other aspects of the product development process.



Pictured – Tom Niedorborski, Kraft Foods, (middle) interacts with University of Illinois students during their final presentation for the product development course.