



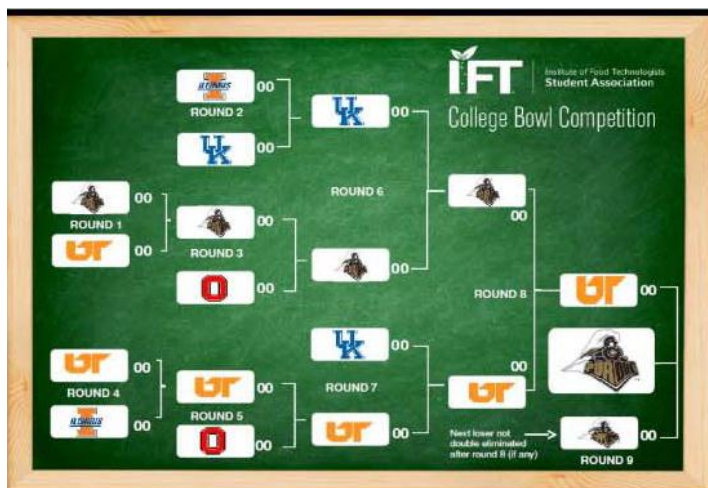
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Regional Midwest Area College Bowl Recap!



This year's IFTSA Midwest Area College Bowl was huge success! Over 50 students were in attendance from Ohio State, Purdue University, University of Illinois, University of Kentucky and University of Tennessee. On Friday, April 19, the event kicked-off with a friendly 'Chopped' competition, where teams of students created dishes with a specific set of ingredients. Judges, Dr. Soo-Yeun Lee (FSHN Associate Professor), Terri Cummings (FSHN Director of Student Services), and Carter Phillips (Head Chef of Bevier Café) tasted all the dishes and declared the winner based on taste, creativity, and originality.



The following day was full of local Champaign- Urbana food. The morning started at Prairie Fruits Farm with a delicious breakfast on the farm. Students had time to shop from the local farmers present and see the goats on property. Bart Basi, from Cheese and Crackers in Champaign, led a cheese tasting and lecture on the University of Illinois campus. Lunch was catered by Maize, a local Mexican restaurant located in Champaign, where Guy Fieri from Food

Network's "Diners, Drive-in's and Dives" tried his first corn mushroom earlier this year.



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After fueling up, our students were eager to start the 2013 IFTSA Midwest Area Competition hosted in the ACES Library at the University of Illinois. Moderator Rod Stoll (VP of Public Relations at Farm Credit Services of Illinois) and judges Dr. Aaron Uesugi (Senior Scientist at Kraft), Yvonne Stuchell (Senior Research Food Scientist at ADM), and Dr. Ramesh Yettella (Scientist at the Institute of Food Safety and Health) ran the competition. In the end, Purdue University defeated University of Tennessee in a hard fought battle. Congrats to Purdue, we wish you all the best representing our Midwest Region at the National Competition in Chicago!



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